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Letters Sent to

Miscellaneous Recipients

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Bureau
of the
Mint
Treasury Department

May 23, 1924

Mr. A. P. Lorsch,

Bank of Hamilton Bldg.,

Toronto, Canada.

S i r:

In reply to your inquiry of May 22, I have to advise that about nine months ago this office estimated the world silver production for the calendar year 1922 as 213,541,764 fine ounces, valued at $145,067,467. This estimate is subject to revision which will probably be made about December 1, 1924.

Our estimate of world production during the calendar year 1923 will not be ready until about December 1, next.

Early in the present calendar year, Messrs. Handy and Harman of New York estimated the 1923 silver output as 239,000,000 ounces.

Respectfully,

F. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

May 23, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am forwarding herewith for your files contract entered into by he Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, with the Mountain States Telegraph and Telephone Company, to furnish telephone service to the United States Mint at Denver during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925. The contract has been aproved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 23, 1924.

Mr. R. G. Guptill,
1427 East Fourth Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Your letter of May 10 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau. I am returning he specimen enclosed in your letter, and I am unable to say at this time that the process referred to would be of interest to the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 23, 1924.

Mr. A. A. Becker,
557 Chestnut Street,
Columbia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 22 please be advised that special coins authorized by Congress are usually disposed of at a premium. All these coins when first minted are turned over to the Committee authorized by the Act to receive the same at face value, and in every instance they have been sold at a premium for the purpose of establishing a fund to pay the cost of some civic celebration. They are turned over by the Government at face value and are worth only face value in circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1924.

Lowdermilk & Sons Co. May 23, 1924.

F. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Office of Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

"Taxation - The Business of the People" 1 Copy 1.13 1 13

By A. W. Mellon

Director of the Mint.

May 23, 1924.

Public Printer,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing copy of letter received from Hon. George H. Moses, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing, authorizing the transfer of a Gordon press now located at your office to the United States Mint in Philadelphia.

Will you please forward this press on Government bill of lading to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. It is understood that the cost of transportation will be a proper charge against the Contingent Fund, United States Mint, Philadelphia, 1924."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 23, 1924.

Honorable McKenzie Moss,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 21, 1924, relative to the enclosure which the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver recommends should be constructed at the rear entrance of the Mint for the protection of the new vaults.

In accordance with the statement contained in your letter the Superintendent at Denver has been advised that there is no fund for the accomplishment of this purpose at this time. The project will therefore be abandoned by this Bureau for the time being.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 23, 1924.

Mr. John Lonke,
115 Glenwood Avenue,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged your letter of May 22, enclosing a statement entied "A Golden Opportunity for World Peace", whichhas been read with interest. Thank you for your artesy in sending it to me.

Respectfully,

R. J. Cran
Director of the Mint.

May 24, 1924.

The Chief of the
Division of Printing & Stationery,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Will you please allow to this Bureau ten books of "Government Requests for Transportation" to cover official travel of employees of this Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

May 24, 1924.

Mr. Joseph B. Drake,
Chief Paying Teller,
Mellon National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 22 please be advised that the Act of Congress approved March 17, 1924 authorized the issue of special coins to commemorate the the commencement of work on the Stone Mountain Memorial. No designs have yet been submitted for this coin, and I am unable to advise you what design or device the coin will finally carry.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1924.

Director of Supply,
Bureau of Supply,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of May 23 please be advised that one paper bound copy of the General Schedule of Supplies for the Fiscal Year 1925 should be mailed to each of the following institutions:

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
United States Mint, Denver, Colorado
United States Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
United States Mint, Carson City, Nevada
United States Mint, New Orleans, La.
United States Assay Office, New York City, (32 Wall St.)
United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.
United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D.
United States Assay Office, Helena, Mont.
United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah
United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington

In addition to the above, please forward three cloth bound copies of the Schedule to the Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1924.

Mr. B. J. Moss,

East Tawas, Michigan.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 23, together with scrap gold forwarded by you. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government I have today forwarded your deposit to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and have requested the Superintendent of that institutionto communicate with you directly concerning the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1924.

Mr. T. T. Dillon,
206 Tuscarawas Street,
Canton, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the chain forwarded with your letter of May 24 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government for the public.

The United States Mints and Assay Offices accept deposits of this nature when sufficient quantities are presented to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Smaller deposits are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1924.

Rev. Edward Reynolds Kelley,
Methodist Episcopal Church,
San Marcos, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 19 please be advised that the Maine Centennial half dollar may be obtained from the State Treasurer, Augusta, Maine.

The Panama-Pacific Exposition half dollar was distributed by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company of San Francisco.

It is not known where the Louisiana Purchase Exposition half dollar may be obtained. Special coins are not placed in circulation by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 26, 1924.

Mr. A. F. Robertson,
Herb Lake, The Pas,
Manitoba, Canada.

Sir;

I am returning herewith $1.00, Canadian, forwarded with your letter of May 14. I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 27, 1924

Geo. Lewis & Co.,
53 West 39th St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I again bring to your attention our annual request for data from which to prepare the estimate of gold and silver used in the industries of the United States during the calendar year 1923? Our original request was dated March 3, and a second letter April 17, 1924.

No reply has yet been received, but I hope it will be possible for you to let us have the data at a very early date.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

May 27, 1924.

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A. Robinson & Son,
149 Canal St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I again bring to your attention our annual request for data from which to prepare the estimate of gold and silver used in the industries of the United States during the calendar year 1923? Our original request was dated March 3, and a second letter April 17, 1924.

No reply has yet been received, but I hope it will be possible for you to let us have the data at a very early date.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

May 27, 1924.

Cabot & Higley,

159 Harrison Ave.,

Boston.

Gentlemen:

May I again bring to your attention our annual request for data from which to prepare the estimate of gold and silver used in the industries of the United States during the calendar year 1923? Our original request was dated March 3, and a second letter April 17, 1924.

No reply has yet been received, but I hope it will be possible for you to let us have the data at a very early date.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

May 27, 1924

John Austin & Sons,

74 Clifford St.,

Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

May I again bring to your attention our annual request for data from which to prepare the estimate of gold and silver used in the industries of the United States during the calendar year 1923? Our original request was dated March 3, and a second letter April 17, 1924.

No reply has yet been received, but I hope it will be possible for you to let us have the data at a very early date.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1924.

Mr. C. F. Thacker,
Route 1,
Buchanan, Kentucky.

Sir:

I am returning the specimen enclosed with your letter of May 26 and have to advise that a visual examination indicates that the same is a specie of mica, and is of no commercial value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1924

American S. & R. Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request, H-2420, of May 27, 1924, you are hereby authorized to deliver to the San Francisco Mint, instead of the Philadelphia Mint, the quantity of silver remaining deliverable by you under tenders made to and accepted by the Director of the Mint in accordance with the terms of the Pittman Act.

It is understood from the statements accompanying the above mentioned letter and from the records of this office that the quantity to be thus delivered is 309,734 ounces. Miners affidavits covering the above quantity, forwarded with your letter of May 17, 1924, are on file in this office.

The Superintendents of the mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco are being advised by letter of this authorization for final delivery at San Francisco instead of at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1924.

Mr. William J. McIntosh,
130 East 15th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of May 23 addressed to the President has been referred to this Bureau for attention. I am returning the coin forwarded by you and wish to thank you for calling attention to the defective coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1924.

Mr. R. W. Hartwell,
Frigorifico Armour De La Plata,
Administracion, Reconquista 314,
Buenos Aires.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 5, 1924, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1922 and 1923.

The pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" has not been revised since the edition of 1916.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1924.

Mrs. Chris. Brown,

Belona, Virginia.

Madam:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1924.

The American Metal Company, Limited,
Executive Sales Department,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 27 inquiring as to the cost and length of time necessary for converting ten million ounces of silver .986 fine to bullion of .999 fineness, please be advised that the Mints would not be able to undertake this refining.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1924.

Mr. H. H. Preston,
University of Washington,
College of Business Administration,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 23 please be advised that it is not illegal to melt gold coins of the United States for use in the arts and sciences, and there is no law prohibiting the export of gold bullion from this country.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1924.

Hon. John Jacob Rogers,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Rogers:

Replying to your letter of May 27 relative to the provisions in the proposed legislation covering the issue of a memorial coin, I would suggest that it is not necessary that the agent who distributes the coin should be named in the Bill. The Commission to be known as the United States Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial Commission could designate an agent to whom the coins would be delivered at the Mint upon the payment of the face value. This has been the practice in other instances where special coins were issued.

In the case of the issue of the coin to commemorate the Tercentenary of the Landing of the Pilgrims, the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission, which was the official State body for which the coinage was authorized, designated the National Shawmut Bank of Boston to be the agent.

In reply to your second question, I would suggest that but one agent be named by the Commission to receive and make payment for the coins at the Mint. This will avoid confusion of authority and enable the Commission to keep track of the sale of the coins. It is not necessary that the agent should be a member of the Federal Reserve System. Any agent named by the Commission to do business with the Mint would be acceptable to the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1924.

Hon. Francisco Valdés,
Director de la Casa de Moneda,
Mexico City, Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 8, 1924, requesting information, insofar as it is available, as to the predominating denomination of Mexican gold coin melted at the United States mints, at least for the years 1922 and 1923.

I find upon inquiry that probably three fourths of the Mexican gold coin reaching United States mint service offices during the past three years has arrived at our New York institution. I am informed that at that institution the 10 peso piece predominated to the extent of about 90% of the total during the years 1921 and 1922, while during the year 1923 and up to the present time, 20 peso pieces predominated to the extent of about 75% of the total.

Please accept my thanks for your tender of such information as may be desired by this office, so far as is in your power to supply same. Your kindness in this respect is appreciated.

Very respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1924.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls, Director,
American Bureau of Metal Statistics,
115 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Ingalls:

Please accept my acknowledgment of your courtesy in sending me a copy of the fourth Year Book. I expect to find it of much service as a reference book.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1924.

Mr. R. Ray,

Arbuckle, West Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1924.

Mr. Marvin Cummings,

Cherry Valley, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, make such assays at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1924.

Louisiana Brass Works,
507 Conti Street,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gentlemen:

I am returning the material forwarded by you and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, makes assays of ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 3, 1924

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Mr. Aaron J. Felthouse,
233 Monger Building,
Elkhart, Ind.

S i r:

No special coins have yet been issued to commemorate the unveiling of Stone Mountain in Georgia. The designs have not yet been submitted to the Department and it will be several months before the coins are ready in any case. This Bureau has no knowledge of coins celebrating the 100" anniversary of the admission of the state of Mississippi into the Union. The Department has no foreign coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 3, 1924

Mr. Frank F. Jones,
Jacksonville, Texas.

S i r:

I am returning herewith the coin enclosed in your letter of May 8 and would suggest that you forward same to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway and 156" Street, New York City. The Treasury Department does not pass on the value of coins and we are unable to advise you as to the value coin collectors may place on the piece.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:

June 3, 1924

Mattie V. Thompson,
Westover School,
Middlebury, Conn.

Madam:

In reply to your letter of June 2, please be advised that if you will forward a specimen of the ore referred to in your letter to the U. S. Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, an analysis will be made. A charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver is imposed.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 3, 1924.

R. O. Power, Chief,
Transfer & Sales Section,
Office of the Director of Sales,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

S i r:

Replying to your letter of May 21, "OSW 400.703," please be advised that the Superintendent has informed this Bureau that he will not need the 3,000 yards of sheeting referred to in the above letter.

Thanking you for your courtesy in allowing us to review this material, I am

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1924.

Mr. F. McElroy,
16 Phillip Street,
Central Falls, Rhode Island.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forward by you and have to advise there is no place in Washington where such deposits are purchased by the Government. The Government is not in the market for silver, purchasing at this time only such silver as is contained in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1924.

Mr. Albert H. Schaefer,
Route No. 1,
Amelia, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1924.

Mrs. J. T. Kelley,
Huntley, McHenry County,
Illinois.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 25 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon the numismatic value of old coins. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for information regarding the coins in your possession.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1924.

Rev. Edward Reynolds Kolley,
Methodist Episcopal Church,
San Marcos, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 28 please be advised that the McKinley gold dollars were distributed by the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association, Niles, Ohio.

The Panama-Pacific coins were distributed by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company, San Francisco, California.

It is not known where the Lewis and Clark or the Louisiana Purchase coins may be obtained.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1924.

Mrs. L. C. Allen,
2431 Thirtieth Street,
San Diego, California.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 26 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, nor does it pass upon the numismatic value of old coins. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway and 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1924.

Mrs. H. T. Clark,

Kansas, Oklahoma.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of May 24 please be advised that the Government does not purchase gold in the form of ore. Gold which has been refined is purchased by the United States Mint at Denver at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. I can only suggest that you place your material in the hands of a reliable refinery for treatment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1924.

Mr. Benjamin J. Cullen, Jr.,
7 Willow Place,
Mount Vernon, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of May 29 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I am enclosing the autograph of Hon. A. W. Mellon, as requested by you.

Replying to your inquiry regarding the sale of the Huguenot coins at a premium, please be advised that it is customary for the agency designated in the act to receive the coins to dispose of them at a premium to help defray the expenses of the celebration or commemorative event for which the coins were issued.

Respectfully,

M. M. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1924.

Hon. John C. Schafer,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Shafer:

Replying to your letter of May 30 please be advised that the Department does not issue a coin history, other than the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection", which is on sale at the Government Printing Office at $1.00 a copy. I have, however, taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint which contains a list of coins issued by the United States since the establishment of the Mint.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1924.

Mr. C. M. Phillips,
106 North Bel.,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1924.

Mr. H. R. Payne, Advertising Manager,
The Brazil Trust Company,
Brazil, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 3 I regret to advise you that we are unable to inform you where you could obtain a piece of silver ore. The Mint would not be able to supply you with a silver ingot or part of strip from which coins had been stamped. I would suggest, however, that you address the following firms relative to obtaining a specimen of silver ore:

The American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway, New York City.

Handy & Harman, 59 Cedar Street, New York City.

United Metals Selling Company, 25 Broadway, New York City.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1924.

June 5, 1924.

Mackall Brothers

823 H Street N.E., Washington, D.C.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

4408	Nitric Acid (a) 4 cases	280 lbs.	lb.	.15	42 00
4402	Acetic Acid (aa)	2000 gm.	500 gm.	.45	1 80
4479	Calcium Chloride (c) Anhydrous	2000 "	"	.53	2 12

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1924.

Griebel Instrument Company

42 River Street, Carbondale, Pa.

June 25, 1924.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

5010	Beakers, Griffin's, low form, with lip			
	(a) 50 c.c.	12	ea.	.15	1 80
	(b) 250 c.c.	12	"	.21	2 52
	(d) 400 c.c.	6	"	.26	1 56
	(g) 800 c.c.	6	"	.35	2 10
	(j) 2000 c.c.	3	"	.85	2 55

J. R. Mackintosh

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1924.

Schaar & Company June 5, 1924.

556 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois,

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

5053	Burners (c) (3) Meker's No. 3.	1	ea. 1.70	1 70

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

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Glass Products Co., June 5, 1924.

210 North Sixth Street, Vineland, New Jersey

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

5260	Pipettes (b) 5 c.c., graduated 1/20 c.c.	3	ea.	.70	2 10

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

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The B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company June 5, 1924.

South Main Street, Akron, Ohio.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

5374	Tubing, rubber(b)				
	(2) 5/32 diam.	1 lb.	lb.	1.21	1 21
	(3) 3/16 "	1 lb.	lb.	1.12	1 12
	(4) 1/4 "	1 lb.	lb.	1.03	1 03
	(c)				
	(4) 1/4 "	2 lb.	lb.	.858	1 72

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

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Rochester Laboratory Supply Company June 5, 1924.

64 Gorham Street, Rochester, New York.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

5322	Stoppers, rubber, No. 12 solid	1 lb.	lb.	.85	85
	No. 12, two holes	1 lb.	lb.	.85	85
	No. 11, " "	1 lb.	lb.	.85	85

R. W. Bradley,

Acting Director of the Min't.

Director of the Mint

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June 5, 1924.

Z. D. Gilman,

627 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

4651	Zinc (a) (1) Mossy	500 5000 gm. gm.	.50	5 00

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1924.

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works

3500 North Second Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

4624	Sodium chloride	6000 gm.	500 gm.	.28	3 36

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1924.

Mr. Merril Wood,
Box 63,
Fairfield, Texas.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah makes such assays at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1924.

Mr. Albert Schield,
5615 Waterman Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 4 please be advised that no design has as yet been submitted to the Treasury Department for the Stone Mountain memorial coin authorized by recent act of Congress. It will, therefore, be some months before the coin is issued.

Respectfully,

M M Shelby

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1924.

Mr. Thomas P. Turner, Secretary,
Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 3 please be advised that it would be necessary to secure an Act of Congress to authorize the issue of half dollars to commemorate the event to which you refer.

Respectfully,

D. W. Roberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1924.

Miss Monica Kaupinas,
153 Merrimac Street,
Methuen, Mass.

Dear Miss Kaupinas:

At the request of Hon. John Jacob Rogers I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, together with a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World".

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1924.

Hon. John Jacob Rogers,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Rogers:

Responding to your letter of June 5 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Miss Monica Kaupinas, 153 Merrimac Street, Methuen, Mass., a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint together with a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", which contains the information Miss Kaupinas is seeking.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1924.

Mr. J. P. Woodruff,
Walker-Longfellow Company,
150 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 4 please be advised that I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1923, together with a preliminary estimate of the refinery production of gold and silver in the United States during 1923.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1924.

Mr. John L. Huss,
191 Herald Street,
Rochester, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that there are many Columbian half dollars in circulation and it is understood coin dealers are not paying a premium for them. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. W. Roach

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1924.

Miss Veronica C. Halliday,
15 West Liberty Street,
Ashley, Pennsylvania.

Dear Miss Halliday:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the only gold coin manufactured in 1923 was the Double Eagle ($20.00). These coins may be obtained by applying to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. W. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 7, 1924.

Mr. W. A. Darnell,
Choteau, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 4 please be advised that there is no instrument known to science that will discover hidden treasure.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 7, 1924.

Miss Nora E. O'Connell,
97 Sumner Street,
Fitchburg, Mass.

Madam:

I am returning the sand enclosed with your letter of recent date and have to advise that a visual examination indicates that it is of no value. There is no place in Washington, however, where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, makes such assays at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 7, 1924.

Auditor, American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Will you kindly refer to your report of Gold and Silver Production for the calendar year 1923, recently furnished this office. The sheet covering the Arkansas Valley Plant gives receipts from Alaska, 26,295 ounces gold and 2,509,051 ounces silver. Comparison of the report of the Arkansas Valley Plant with that of prior years indicates that the above mentioned figures probably pertain to Colorado instead of Alaska. This also is borne out by comparison of the compilation of final production for the calendar year 1923 with the preliminary figures.

Will you kindly advise me as to the above?

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1924.

Mr. J. J. Lawrence,

Center, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning the material forwarded by you and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, makes assays of ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Jas. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1924.

Mr. Clifford C. Cohn,
1722 Lee Road,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that one cent pieces were manufactured at the United States Mint in Denver during the calendar year 1922, and you may be able to obtain a specimen of these coins by addressing the Superintendent of that institution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1924.

Mr. W. Lieber,

Gersten, Missouri.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1924.

Gutzon Borglum
Stamford, Connecticut.

Director will be in his office Friday

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

June 11, 1924.

S. J. Kidder
Mogollon, New Mexico.

Bill regarding additional purchases silver not passed

O'Reilly

Acting Director

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June 11, 1924.

Hon. Ralph H. Cameron,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Cameron:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 5, 1924, requesting permission for Mrs. D. W. Hall and two children to visit the United States Mint at San Francisco.

For the purpose of more closely guarding the large amount of coin and bullion on hand all of the Mints and Assay Offices have been closed to visitors for an indefinite period. I should like to accede to your request but I feel sure you will appreciate the urgent need of the precaution now being exercised, and the position of the Department in its effort to adhere impartially to the decision to close the Mints to visitors for the present.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1924.

Mrs. Eliza Cook,
R.F.D. No. 1,
New Franklin, Missouri.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of June 5 please be advised that this Department has no knowledge of the Numismatic Bank of Fort Worth, Texas.

It is understood that the coins enumerated in your letter have no special value as there are many thousands of them in circulation. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1924.

Mr. Ernest W. Wyatt,
20 Vesey Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 9 please be advised that one-cent pieces have been coined each year without interruption since 1793, except for the years 1815 and 1923. The United States Mint at Denver coined one-cent pieces in 1922.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 11, 1924.

Mr. E. T. Purcell,
2239 W. 89th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 7 please be advised that no act authorizing the issue of a seven-and-one-half cent piece has been passed by Congress.

Respectfully,

Jno. W. Pheiffer

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1924.

Hampshire County Trust Company,

Northampton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 9 please be advised that the Stone Mountain Memorial coins when ready for distribution will not be distributed by the Treasury Department. These coins will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

The design for these coins has not yet been submitted to the Treasury Department. It will be some time, therefore, before the coins are turned over to the Association referred to above.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1924.

Mr. John H. Zimmerman,
9 West 37th Street,
Savannah, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 9 please be advised that special memorial coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department but by the agencies designated in the acts authorizing the coinage of these pieces.

The so-called "Peace" dollar is not a special coin but is the current design of the regular silver dollar which design was adopted in 1921 and has appeared on the coinage of standard silver dollars since that date. It is believed the Treasurer of the United States will be able to supply you with a specimen of this coin.

The special coins you enumerate may be obtained as indicated below:

Alabama -	First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.
Monroe Doctrine -	Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California.
Pilgrim -	National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.
Huguenot -	Fifth National Bank, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1924.

Hon. John Jacob Rogers,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Rogers:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of June 10 and have taken pleasure in forwarding to Miss Louise Micavich, 81 Greenhalge Street, Methuen, Mass., a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World."

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1924.

Miss Louise Micavich,
81 Greenhalge Street,
Methuen, Mass.

Dear Miss Micavich:

At the request of Hon. John Jacob Rogers I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" which contains the information it is believed you desire.

Respectfully,

M M Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1924.

William Brown & Earle June 11, 1924.

918 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Wizard Timer Clock, M & A Catalogue 2093 1 4 40

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1924.

June 11, 1924.

Eimer & Amend,

3rd Avenue and 18th Street, New York City

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Your reference No. 5968.

Assay Brushes 4 4 60

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1924.

B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company,
Mechanical Sales Department,
Akron, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 9 with reference to our order of June 5 for rubber tubing, stating that your agreement with the General Supply Committee called for orders of not less than 10 pounds per item, otherwise a charge of $1.00 would be made to cover cost of handling the small quantity. In accordance with your suggestion we have doubled our order of June 5 on item #5374 and will ask you to kindly substitute the enclosed order for that of the above date.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1924.

The B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, June 12, 1924.

South Main Street, Akron, Ohio.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

5374	Tubing, rubber (b)					
		(2) 5/32" diam.	2 lb.	lb.	1.21	2 42
		(3) 3/16" "	2 lb.	lb.	1.12	2 24
		(4) 1/4" "	2 lb.	lb.	1.03	2 06
	(c)	(4) 1/4" "	4 lb	lb.	.858	3 43

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1924.

Mr. H. B. Moore,
Columbia University,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 11 please be advised that the $22.50 gold piece is a current coin of the United States.

Any one having gold may take it to a Mint and receive in return the full value of the gold content at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. The coinage of gold is free.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1924.

Mrs. Otesse E. de Coligny-Chatillon,
2, Rue du Printemps,
Toulouse, Hte.,
Garonne, France.

Madam:

Your letter of May 20, 1924 addressed to the President of the United States has been referred to this office for attention.

In reply please be advised that the 50-cent piece issued in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the settling of New Netherlands, the Middle States, in 1624, by Walloons, French and Belgian Huguenots, under the Dutch West India Company, will be distributed by the Fifth National Bank of New York City. Application for the coins should be made to that institution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1924.

Mr. Stephen Fuson,

Stilwell, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

M. Morris

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1924.

Mr. Charles Gilbert,
117 Pegg Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of May 21 has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The coin to which you refer in your letter has not been received at this office. In this connection, please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Should your coin reach this office it will be returned to you at once.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1924.

Mr. Edward Kerchner,
Route 2,
Pennock, Minnesota.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. M. Peadly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1924.

Mr. Frank P. Smith,
5268 B 14th St., N.E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 28 please be advised that it is not illegal to convert coins of the United States into jewelry. It is, however, unlawful to deface or mutilate coins with the intention of placing them in circulation.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Deposit Certificate and Receipt for Bullion, #7606, which I will thank you to file with the bullion accounts of Isaac H. Smith, Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y., for the quarter January to March 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1924.

Mr. O. J. Thomen, President,
Chibsankind Corporation,
27 Pine Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 9, 1924, together with enclosure signed by yourself and others protesting against noxious fumes emanating from the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City.

Please be advised that an investigation is now being made in regard to this matter and I hope to be able to communicate with you within a few days.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 14, 1924.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of May 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

	fine ozs.
Domestic unrefined bullion...	122,807.22
Foreign unrefined silver.....	126,859.64
Foreign silver coin.....	3,076.46

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 14, 1924.

Survey of Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of May 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold . . .	78,500.771	fine ozs.
" " silver. . .	122,607.22	" "

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1924.

Collect

Hollins N Randolph
President Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Referring your telegram fourteenth will regard same as authority to receive models from Mr Borglum for consideration

Grant

Director

of Director of the Mint.

"Contingent Expenses, Office Director of the Mint, 1924."

The Mines Handbook, June 16th 24.

Tuckahoe, N. Y.

When issued.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

The Mines Handbook, Volume XVI 1 1 15.00 15 00

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Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1924.

Mr. J. C. Dana, Librarian,
Business Branch,
15 Beaver Street,
Newark, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 14 please be advised that this office is in possession of no other figures relating to the market price of silver than those contained in the Report of the Director of the Mint to which you refer, and I am unable to advise you where you might secure data covering the years to which you refer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1924.

Milwaukee Art Box Company,
1100 Trust Company Building,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 12 I am enclosing a medal circular which indicates the medals which may be obtained at the United States Mint in Philadelphia, together with the price.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1924.

Dr. Taylor Hudson,

Belton, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 9 please be advised that the first five-cent pieces were struck in the year 1866, when $737,125.00 were coined in that year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1924.

Mrs. R. L. Massie,
Route 2, Box 58,
Doddsville, Mississippi.

Madam:

I have your letter of June 10, together with the piece forwarded by you under separate cover. A visual examination of the enclosure indicates that it is copper, and is of no value. I am returning the same herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1924.

Mr. Guy R. Merrill,
39 Everett Street,
Bangor, Maine.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the gold leaf forwarded by you and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are purchased by the Government.

The Mints and Assay Offices of the United States purchase gold when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Deposits of less value than $100 are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1924.

Dr. R. F. Holley,
First National Bank Building,
Hammond, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 13 I would suggest that you forward the scrap gold you describe to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado. Gold is purchased by the mints when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value, and is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1924.

The Conklin Pen Manufacturing Company,
Purchasing Department,
Toledo, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 13 I would suggest that you forward the 7000 dwt. of gold stock to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. Gold is purchased by the mints at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1924.

Mr. George C. Jordan, Manager,
The Equitable Life Assurance Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 9, 1924, please be advised that there is but one woman employed in this Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1924.

Memorandum for Mrs. H. T. Smith,
Care of Hon. James H. MacLafferty,
House of Representatives.

Referring to telephone conversation of this afternoon in which you read a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco relative to the position of Assayer at the San Francisco Mint, I beg to submit the following:

Several years ago the position of Melter and Refiner, and the position of Coiner were abolished by having the places omitted from the appropriations act. Appropriations were made for the positions entitled respectively, Superintendent, Melting and Refining Department, and Superintendent, Coining Department, and these positions not being Presidential positions were carried under Civil Service. In order that the incumbents of the respective positions at that time could be transferred from Presidential positions to Civil Service positions, an Executive Order was issued covering each individual case, allowing the man who was Melter and Refiner to be covered into Civil Service without examination, and allowing the man who was Coiner to be covered into Civil Service without examination. The position of Assayer has been provided for by act of Congress through the appropriation act for the fiscal year 1925.

As the question is now raised in the interest of the Assayer at San Francisco it should be made clear that Mr. McCabe, previous to his appointment to the Presidential position as Assayer, had a Civil Service status which he has not surrendered. Should he for any reason be required to relinquish the position as Assayer he is eligible for immediate appointment without lapse of service to a Civil Service position in the Mint.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint

June 17, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-106.78-T, dated May 22, 1924, E. P. Leach, Special Disbursing Agent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo., for the period November 12, to December 1, 1923.

The $377.25 adjustment of appropriations referred to in above settlement should be made between the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1923" and "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1924," not "Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys" as stated.

Regarding item of $10.18, deposited per C. D. #14, December 31, 1923: This item was erroneously deposited to the credit of E. P. Leach; it should have been placed to the credit of R. J. Grant, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo., the latter having taken credit for same in his account current for the period October 1 to December 31, 1923, for which no certificate of settlement has yet been received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1924.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls, Director,
American Bureau of Metal Statistics,
115 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Herewith please find copy of our final estimates of gold and silver production in the United States during the calendar year 1923. You will note that the silver total exceeds the preliminary estimate by some 724,000 ounces.

In further reply to your letter of April 4, 1924, expressing your opinion that the preliminary estimate was too high, will state that our estimates have been made on the same basis for a long series of years and that when allowance is made for the lag or overlap from year to year there is very close agreement between the mine figures prepared by the Geological Survey and refinery figures prepared by this office. A compilation on page 774 of the Geological Survey's "Mineral Resources" for 1915, for the ten year period 1905-1915, shows differences of only 7/10 of one percent on gold and 1/10 of one percent on silver.

Our returns show larger stocks of silver at plants at the end of 1923 as compared with the end of 1922, of over 4,000,000 ounces, instead, as suggested in last paragraph on page two of your letter, of liquidation during the year of the surplus silver in the metallurgical system.

It is noted that the mine figures given by you, of 18 mining companies, apparently do not support your own figures as to 1923 increases, the discrepancy being greatly emphasized when consideration is given to the material increase in quantity of silver in the metallurgical system at the close of the year.

We, of course, segregate secondary material from that of virgin origin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 18, 1924.

Mr. J. E. Sasser,
Chief, Supply Division,
United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 10 this Bureau is returning 17 samples of gold received from you for assay, together with scrap. The samples were assayed at the United States Mint in Philadelphia, and the Assayer's report is as follows:

Sample No.	Fineness	Sample No.	Fineness
1	749.	10	749.
2	916.	11	904.2
4	999.9	13	907.
5	916.6	14	536
6	568.5	15	624.7
7	650	16	700
8	725.7	17	778.7
9	807.	19	747.5
		21	899.

The samples have been kept separate by numbers found on the envelope, in accordance with your request.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-10419-T, dated May 16, 1924, Frank Steyer, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. for the period July 1 to September 30, 1923.

Contract with the Troy Steam Laundry, for the fiscal year 1924, supporting payments suspended in the above account, was forwarded to the General Accounting Office under date of May 6, 1924.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-10558-T, dated May 20, 1924, Leonard Magruder, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La. for the period October 1 to December 31, 1923.

Contract with the National District Telegraph Company of Louisiana, Ltd., supporting payments suspended in the above account, was forwarded to the General Accounting Office under date of July 24, 1922. The contract referred to was for the fiscal year 1923, and continuing thereafter until terminated by 30 days notice; it is still in force.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reel

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1924.

Mr. Hibberd Ott,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Suspension of $1.00 has been made by the General Accounting Office on your voucher covering reimbursement of traveling expenses incurred during the period July 1 to July 28, 1923, while on annual settlement and returning from the San Francisco Mint. The item suspended is that charged for lunch on date of arrival at Philadelphia, time of arrival being indicated as 12:22 p.m. By decision of the Comptroller, dated March 27, 1924, a charge for lunch cannot be allowed if arrival at headquarters is before 1:00 p.m. Kindly forward this amount to the Bureau and same will be deposited to the credit of the appropriation originally charged, thus clearing the suspension.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 17, 1924.

Mr. Philip C. Cope,
1344 Caroline Street,
Alameda, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 10 please be advised that a design for the Stone Mountain memorial coin has not yet been decided upon. When the coins are struck by the Mint they will be distributed by the Stone Montain Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and will not be distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1924.

McChesney & Lester,
418 State Street,
Bristol, Tennessee.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 16 please be advised that the Government could not undertake to assay the pin and mounting you describe. In any case the pin would necessarily be totally destroyed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1924.

Mr. Charles L. Tedford,
c/o United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Tedford:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 13 together with Pullman order No. T571858. I am returning the same duly signed and regret that you have been put to this trouble.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reill

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1924.

Miss Delaphine C. Merritt,
Central Valley,
New York.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of June 16 please be advised that the so-called Buffalo nickel was the only five-cent piece coined in 1913. No Liberty head five-cent pieces were coined in that year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1924.

Mr. Charles W. Kite,
158 Second Street,
West Newton, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 13 please be advised that efforts are now being made to make the date more distinct on the quarter dollars.

Respectfully,

M. W. Ridgely

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1924.

Mr. U. S. Dugdell,
1127 Elizabeth Street,
Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 16 suggesting the issue of a two-cent and a three-cent piece. Before any new coin could be issued it would be necessary to secure an act of Congress.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1924.

Mr. J. F. Oliver,
Route 1, Box 16,
Crumpler, North Carolina.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1924.

Mr. Hubert D. Coleman,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Voucher for reimbursement of traveling expenses incurred during the period June 9 to 17, inclusive, is returned for the following information:

Indication of time of departure from Philadelphia and arrival at New York as required by section 23 travel regulations (see memo of instructions forwarded with travel orders).

Date should be indicated before each item of expenditure.

If Pullman accomodations were secured on travel request same should be indicated on face of voucher and copy of request forwarded with voucher.

Kindly forward duplicate copy of voucher for the files of this office.

Respectfully,

M. W. Ridell

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 19, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of May 29, 1924, file C-CV-6, forwarding statement of differences pertaining to this office found in the disbursing accounts of J. L. Summers, per Settlement C-10367-T, for the month of September, 1923, the following is submitted:

Sheet 73, voucher #4, Hon. F. E. Scobey, $32.00. Arrived at New York 1:50 p.m. August 31st. At own expense September 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Scrip book used for regular fare Washington to New York. Pullman accomodations at own expense. Returned from New York, stopping at Philadelphia Mint September 15 and 16, by automobile at own expense.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1924.

Mackall Brothers,
623 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Under date of October 26, 1923, there was delivered to the Laboratory of this Bureau, on order of this office, 120 lbs. hydrochloric acid, c.p. @ 16¢ per lb., $19.20 and 140 lbs. nitric acid, c.p. @ .195¢ per lb., $27.30, total $46.50. These items were purchased in accordance with contract with the General Supply Committee for the fiscal year 1924, catalogue items 4407a and 4409a, respectively. It has come to attention that the prices paid were in excess of prices quoted in catalogue for quantity purchases. The price for hydrochloric acid, 6 lb. bottles, 10 bottles to the case, is stated as 10¢ per lb., while the price of nitric acid, 7 lb. bottles, 10 bottles to the case, is stated as 15¢ per lb. Two cases each of acid were purchased, thus entitiling this office to the lower price per pound. The charge for the hydrochloric acid should have been $12.00 and that for nitric acid $21.00, making a total of $33.00.

Will you kindly ascertain from your records if these facts are not true and favor us with a check, made payable to the "Director of the Mint," for the overcharge of $13.50.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Postmaster Ankin, Alaska.

April 1, 1924.

$5 gold coin which had been refused by Seattle Bank

Bureau of the Mint
June 21, 1924.
Respectfully referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

June 21, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letters of June 5 and 12, 1924, file C-CV-6, forwarding statements of differences pertaining to this office found in the disbursing accounts of J. L. Summers, per Settlements C-10871-T and C-11179-T, for the months of October and November, 1923, respectively, the following is submitted:

Sheet #107, settlement C-10871-T, voucher #6, The Denver Fire Clay Co., Denver, Colo., $46.75. The product of this concern has been found, after test of various bone ash, to be most suitable for our use.

Relative to suspensions of amounts expended from the "Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold", vouchers #1, 2, 3 and 4, sheets #107 and 108, Settlement C-10871-T, and vouchers #1, 2 and 3, sheets #107 and 108, Settlement C-11179, in favor of Director of the Mint. Please be advised that under date of May 31, 1916 the Comptroller of the Treasury ruled that an appropriation for covering the expense of replacing the silver dollars melted under the terms of the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918, was created by that Act, and that use of the funds could be evidenced by transfer settlement vouchers reimbursing our regular appropriations. More recently, as a result of a general order of the Comptroller General, these vouchers have been directly settled, by check in favor of the Director of the Mint, the proceeds being covered into the Treasury by him without personal credit, and to the credit of the appropriations indicated on the face of the vouchers.

The amounts suspended and similar amounts in subsequent accounts of Mr. Summers were covered into the Treasury as follows:

Suspended Items.

Settle. C-10871-T, Oct. 1-31, 1923, $16,748.85, C. D. #7760, dated 10/6/23, for credit to appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1924."
Settle. C-10871-T, Oct. 1-31, 1923, $ 3,575.20, C. D. #8682, dated 10/17/23, for credit to appropriations "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1924, $1,708.50, and "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1924", $1,866.70.
Settle. C-10871-T, Oct. 1-31, 1923, $ 5,848.60, C. D. #8837, dated 10/20/23, for credit to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1924.
Settle. C-10871-T, Oct. 1-31, 1923, $21,102.87, C. D. #9031, dated 10/23/23, for credit to appropriation"Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1924."

Settle. C-11179-E, Nov. 1-30, 1923, $24,733.66, C. D. #10404, dated 11/16/23, for credit to appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1924."
Settle. C-11179-E, Nov. 1-30, 1923, $ 9,001.42, C. D. #10404, dated 11/16/23, for credit to appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1924."
Settle. C-11179-E, Nov. 1-30, 1923, $ 4,089.46, C. D. #10404, dated 11/16/23, for credit to appropriations "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1924", $2,168.36 and "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1924", $1,861.10.

Similar amounts in subsequent accounts.

Amount	S.D. No. and date.		Appropriation credited.
$10,216.30	11759	12/13/23	Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1924
20,331.56	11975	12/10/23	Wages of Workmen, " " " "
2,054.87}	12126	12/20/23	Wages of Workmen, " " Denver, 1924
1,263.00}	"	"	Contingent Expenses, " " " "
2,527.32	12827	1/7/24	" " " " Philadelphia, 1924
27,003.16	13373	1/18/24	Wages of Workmen, " " " "
2,075.10}	13373	1/18/24	Wages of Workmen, " " Denver, "
1,937.21}	"	"	Contingent Expenses, " " " "
2,296.80	14658	2/13/24	Wages of Workmen, " " " "
7,972.05	14856	2/13/24	Contingent Expenses, " " Philadelphia, "
17,342.11	15154	2/16/24	Wages of Workmen, " " " "
13,756.46	16122	3/6/24	" " " " " " "
2,216.42	16567	3/20/24	" " " " " Denver "
3,709.15	17502	4/3/24	" " " Assay Office at New York, "
2,309.61	18292	4/16/24	" " " Mint at Denver, "
2,382.07	19468	5/6/24	" " " " " " "

Since there is no fiscal account with which to file memorandum voucher in connection with these non-personal credits it is presumed that the Accounting Office will not need the memorandum vouchers requested. Advice will be supplied with each account of Mr. Summers containing disbursements of this kind of S.D. number and date by which the funds are covered into the Treasury.

The vouchers are prepared and certified by the Superintendents of the field institutions concerned, and represent, in part, supplies and stores purchased from our regular annual appropriations but used in recoining silver dollars or preparing silver metal for recoinage; and in part represent services of employees additional to those provided for in the regular annual appropriations, required because of the extra work involved in recoining these silver dollars.

Practical minting operations make impossible the absolute segregation of operations on any particular denomination of coin for intermittent periods of time such as are involved in this operation. Therefore our regular employees and stores are used in making silver dollars, as conditions permit, and only the requirements in excess of our regular appropriations are reimbursed from this Special Fund. Present indications are that as a

result of this procedure, a material balance of this "Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold" will, after completion of recoinage operations, be covered into the Treasury as an unappropriated Miscellaneous Receipt.

It is understood that while the General Accounting Office is concerned with the expenditure of moneys in purchase of stores and payment of compensation, it is not concerned with the disposition of such stores and services and will therefore not need details as to quantities, unit prices, names, pay rates, etc., of items noted on these transfer vouchers, representing part of the stores and services used in recoinage of silver dollars.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Arthur H. Thomas
Eimer & Amend
Scientific Materials
Wms.Brown & Earle

June 21

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ia, Pa.

Director of the Mint.

No. 22092 Arthur H. Thomas Catalogue:

Two (2) 12-litre asperator bottles.

No. 28000 Arthur H. Thomas Catalogue:

One (1) Richards Filter Pump 3/4 inch thread.

Henry Troemner, Philadelphia
Christian Becker, New York
Arthur Thomas, Philadelphia,

June 21 4

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Director of the Mint

(One)	1000	gold weight	(500	milligrams	equivalent)	Platinum
(One	500	" "	250	"	"	"
(One)	200	" "	100	"	"	"
(Two)	100	" "	50	"	"	"
(One)	50	" "	25	"	"	"
(One)	20	" "	10	"	"	"
(Two)	10	" "	5	"	"	"
(One)	5	" "	$2\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"
2 (Two)	2	" "	1	"	"	"
(One)	1	" "	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"

3 (Three) $\frac{1}{2}$ milligram riders of Platinum
3 (Three) 1 milligram riders of Platinum.

June 21, 1924.

Denver Fire Clay Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau by wire upon receipt of this letter of the rate at which you will supply to this Bureau one Barrell of XX Bone Ash. Please quote on delivery f.o.b. Denver, shipment to be made on Government Bill of Lading, and also price including delivery to Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1924.

Disbursing Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to statement of differences pertaining to this office found in your disbursing accounts, per Settlement C-10181-T, to include the month of August, 1923, the following is submitted:

Sheet #361, voucher #1, Hibberd Ott, traveling expenses, $24.70. The amount suspended, $1.00, has been collected from the traveler and is enclosed herewith.

Data necessary for the removal of suspensions noted in Settlement C-7148-T, July 1-31, 1923, were furnished in letter to your office dated March 29, 1924, and letter to the General Accounting Office, dated April 7, 1924, copy of which was furnished you.

Copy of this letter is being forwarded to the General Accounting Office for their information.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

enc.

June 23, 1924.

Mr. Wm. H. Kinnon,
205 S. Damask Ave.,
Inglewood, Calif.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 14th I have to advise that purchases of silver under the Pittman Act were completed about one year ago.

The bill introduced in the last Congress directing the purchase of some fourteen million ounces additional failed of passage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1924.

Mr. Benjamin Lewy,
15 Bristol Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 18 please be advised that gold of the fineness of 900/1000 is used in making the gold coins of the United States. The weight of the pure gold content of the $5.00 gold piece is 116.1000 grains.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1924.

Mr. R. Downes, Jr., Vice President,
The Ouachita National Bank of Monroe,
Monroe, Louisiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 18 please be advised that the memorial coins to which you refer are not distributed by the Treasury Department. They may be obtained upon application to the agencies indicate below:

Monroe half dollar	-	Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California.
Huguenot half dollar	-	Fifth National Bank, New York City.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1924.

Miss Jean C. Waldrum,
P. O. Box 808,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of June 18 please be advised that the Government could not purchase the silverware you describe, as it is not in the market for silver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1924.

Mr. L. D. Newman,
208 North Third Street,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 23 please be advised that that the Government is not in the market for silver at this time, and consequently cannot purchase the tableware described by you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1924.

Rev. Herbert W. Hunter,
St. Peter's Episcopal Church,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 19 I regret very much to be obliged to advise you that the regulation closing the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States to visitors has been consistently adhered to, and I am unable in this instance to waive the regulation.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1924.

Mr. Roy Anderson,
2147 S. Gournsey St.,
Bellaire, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1924.

Mrs. H. Maroon,
3323 Lorain Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Madam:

I am returning the $2.50 gold piece forwarded by you and have to advise you that in its mutilated condition it is worth only its bullion value. Bullion is not purchased by the Mints except when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1924.

Mr. A. Auchly,
921 Haskell Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 16 please be advised that coinage commenced in 1793, when the first silver dollars were struck. The first gold dollars were coined in 1849.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1924.

Denver Fire Clay Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Offer June twenty-fourth for shipment to Bureau of Mint Washington five hundred pound barrel bone ash at six fifty per hundred Denver accepted Ship on Government bill of lading which Mint Denver will furnish you

O'Reilly
Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

June 25, 1924.

Mr. R. H. Chaffin,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Enclosed please find your voucher covering reimbursement of traveling expenses incurred during the period January 16 to 19, 1924, while on business at the U. S. Assay Office, New York, with request that time of departure from Philadelphia and arrival at New York be indicated, also time of departure from New York and arrival at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

F. M. Kealy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #0-10870-T, dated May 25, 1924, Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo., for the period December 3 to 31, 1923.

Regarding suspensions noted in above settlement, the following statement is quoted from letter of the Superintendent, Denver Mint, dated June 19, 1924:

> "You will note that these contracts were made originally to cover the fiscal year 1923, but as the service rendered in each case is by a public utility whose rates are fixed by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado and competition impossible to obtain since there is only one dealer in each case, new contracts for 1924 were not obtained it being agreeable to all parties to continue under the contracts as made for 1923."

Statement from the Public Service Corporation of Colorado, in evidence of the fact that it is the legal successor of the Denver Gas & Electric Light Company, is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1924.

Department of Commerce,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find bills of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y., amounts $56.00 and $170.00, covering the manufacture of platinum ware. Kindly make payment direct by drawing checks to the order of the "Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York."

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1924.

The Economist,
3 Arundel Street,
Strand, London, W. C. 2,
England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $29.69, covering two 1 year renewal subscriptions from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to the "Economist", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark in margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

It will be noted that one copy is to be addressed to the Under Secretary of the Treasury, while the other copy is to be mailed to the Office of the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1924.

William B. Dana Company,
Front, Pine, and Depeyster Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $20.00, covering two one year's renewal subscriptions, from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be placed in line for settlement.

It will be noted that one copy is to be addressed to the Under Secretary of the Treasury, while the other copy is to be mailed to the Office of the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1924.

The Statist,
51 Cannon Street,
London, E. C. 4, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $9.08, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "The Statist", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

It is noted from your advice of expiration of subscription, dated June 16, 1924, that the present subscription expires on June 14, 1924. Attention, in this connection, is invited to our orders and payments for the past several years each of which have been for a full year's subscription, July 1 to June 30, inclusive.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

enc.

June 25, 1924.

El Economista,
Apartado 1024,
Plaza de la Independencia,
Madrid, Spain.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $5.79, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "El Economista", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1924.

The Monetary Times,
62 Church Street,
Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in the sum of $3.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "The Monetary Times", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1924.

Waterlow and Sons,
26-27 Great Winchester St.,
London, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $7.50, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "The Bankers Magazine", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Keeffe

enc.

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1924.

The Bankers Publishing Company,
255 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $5.00, covering one year's renewal subscription, from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "The Bankers Magazine," with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1924.

The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin,
32 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $15.00, covering one year's renewal subscription, from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1924.

Edward Thompson Company,
Northport, Long Island,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $3.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "Federal Statutes Annotated, Supplement", with request that same be certified in the place opposite check mark on margin and returned to the office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1924.

Engineering and Mining Journal Press,
Tenth Avenue and 36th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $4.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "Engineering and Mining Journal Press", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

enc.

June 25, 1924.

The New York Times,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $10.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "The New York Times" (Daily only), with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark in margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

M. W. Neal

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1924.

The Mining Journal,
15 George St., Mansion House,
London, E. C. 4, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $9.75, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "The Mining Journal", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1924.

The Far Eastern Review,
8 Jinkee Road,
Shanghai, China.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $5.00, covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "The Far Eastern Review", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1924.

Argus South African Newspapers, Ltd.,
82-85 Fleet Street,
London, E. C. 4, England.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $9.73, covering one year's renewal subscription, from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "South African Mining and Engineering Journal", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be passed for payment.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1924.

Edward Thompson Company,
Law Publishers,
Northport, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $7.50, covering one copy of "Federal Statutes, Annotated, 1923 Supplement" furnished this office, with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be immediately passed for payment.

Respectfully,

Mary M. Reed

enc.
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Acting Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1924.

Mr. George M. Black,
513 Pennsylvania Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Black:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 21 relative to obtaining from the Mint at Philadelphia one blue print of mint drawing No. 190R, which shows the construction of a feed. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been advised that he is free to give you this drawing.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1924.

Mr. Lawrence H. Smith,
425 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of June 24 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The design for the coin authorized to be issued in commemoration of the commencement of the work of carving on Stone Mountain a monument to the valor of the soldiers of the South, and in memory of Warren G. Harding, has not yet been accepted.

Your attention is invited to the enclosed excerpt from the penal code.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1924.

Mr. A. L. Hyde,

Southbridge, Mass.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 23 in which you inquire regarding the numismatic value of certain coins. Please be advised that the Government does not pass upon the numismatic value of coins, and it does not pay a premium for any issue of coins.

I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1924.

Mr. W. C. Rosenberry, Cashier,
Security State Bank,
Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 21 please be advised that the piece referred to by you as a one-half dollar gold piece, bearing the impression "California Gold", is not a coin of the United States. These pieces were issued by private parties and their issue was illegal.

Three-cent pieces were coined from 1851 to 1873, under authority of Act of Congress. The Department does not pass upon the numismatic value of coins, and no premium is paid for coins by the Government.

I am enclosing a pamphlet of information relating to coins and medals.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1924.

Mr. J. J. Harrington,

Suffern, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of June 23 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. Please be advised that the Mint has already taken steps to bring out the date on the quarter dollar more distinctly. Thank you for calling attention to the matter.

Respectfully,

Mary M. McBride

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1924.

Mr. Ray Sauls,

Saulsbury, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 22 please be advised that coins commemorating the Worlds Fair, the St. Louis Fair and the Panama-Pacific International Exposition were struck in the Mints of the United States, but we are unable to advise you where they may now be obtained.

Respectfully,

M. McReill

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 26, 1924.

Mr. Hubert D. Coleman,
c/o United States Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I am returning the transportation request enclosed in your letter of June 25. It will merely be necessary for you to fill in the name of the company over whose road you wish to travel, and place the value of the transportation in the upper left hand corner of the carbon.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

~~Acting Director of the Mint.~~

June 26, 1924.

Mr. John Spitzengel,
General Delivery,
Mason City, Iowa.

Sir:

Your letter of June 18 addressed to Hon. Arthur Capper has been forwarded by Senator Capper to this Bureau for attention.

The Government purchases gold only in the form of bullion and when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Smaller quantities are not accepted. Deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1924.

Christian Becker, Inc.,

92 Reade Street, New York City

June 27, 1924.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

1000	gold	weight,	(500 mg.	equiv.)	platinum	1	ea.	3.82
500	"	"	250 "	"	"	1	"	2.97
200	"	"	100 "	"	"	1		1.53
100	"	"	50 "	"	"	2	"	1.27
50	"	"	25 "	"	"	1	"	.85
20	"	"	10 "	"	"	1	"	.85
10	"	"	5 "	"	"	2	"	.85
5	"	"	2½ "	"	"	1	"	.85
2	"	"	1 "	"	"	2	"	.85
1	"	"	½ "	"	"	1	"	.85
½	mg.	riders of	platinum			3	"	.76
1	"	"	"	"		3	"	.76

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Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1924.

Scientific Materials Company June 27, 1924.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

12-litre aspirator bottles	2	ea. 11.40	22 80

Mary M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1924.

Williams Brown & Earle

June 27, 1924.

918 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Richards filter pump 3/4 inch thread	1	ea.	5.25

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Mary McCauley

Acting Director of the Mint

June 27, 1924.

Mr. A. M. Belcher,
66 Oxford Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir;

Replying to your letter of June 26 please be advised that the Government has not departed from the fixed rate paid for gold, namely $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine.

The Act of March 3, 1901, provides that not less than $5,000 in gold can be sold at any one time. Invoices of gold sold to the public for the arts are made up of bars of various sizes for which a charge is imposed in addition to the cost of the gold, but no sales of gold have been made by the Government at a premium or discount.

Respectfully,

Mary M. Mutch

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1924.

Miss C. Krackenberger,
1020 Age-Herald Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of June 19 please be advised that the one-cent pieces you describe were coined from 1857 to 1864 inclusive. It is not known whether or not coin dealers place a premium on these coins. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1924.

The C. L. Downey Company,
941 Clark Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of June 24 addressed to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

A copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint was forwarded to you under date of June 26, through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office. This report contains a list of coinage from the beginning, together with an annual coinage statement. On page 15 of this report you will find a table of minor coins outstanding. This is the only record the Department has in regard to such coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1924.

Mr. S. S. Cooke,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 25 I regret that we are unable to furnish you with the formula you request. The Mint does not handle aluminum metal.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1924.

Mr. Josiah W. Levy,
904 Main Street,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 25 please be advised that one-cent pieces were coined at the United States Mint in Denver during the year 1922. The Superintendent of that institution will be very glad to extend the courtesy of making an effort to find 1922 one-cent pieces in stock. You are at liberty to send the Superintendent a copy of this letter.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1924.

Mr. Benjamin Levy,
15 Bristol Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 26, I have to submit the following:

The weight of a $5.00 gold piece is 8.3592 grams.
The fine weight is 7.5232 grams.
The weight in grains is 129.0000.
The weight of the pure gold content is 116.1000 grains.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1924.

Mr. James M. Watts,
Box 36,
Pontotoc, Mississippi.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 25 please be advised that gold coins should be procured from the Treasurer of the United States. The Director of the Mint does not distribute them.

The smallest current denomination of gold coin is $2.50. Only $20.00 gold coins have been minted in recent years.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1924.

Mr. J. C. Bates,
c/o United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Bates:

I am enclosing transportation requests to cover your trip to Washington. When you come to Washington you will be supplied with the balance of the travel orders necessary.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1924.

Mr. Charles H. Bates,
224 Mills Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 21 please be advised that this Bureau transmitted your inquiry to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendent reports as follows:

"In reply I beg to say that we can find no records in this Mint of any authority in writing for the making of this medal. Governor James Pollock, who was at that time Director of the Mint, was deeply interested in the trans-continental railroad. His speeches and record in Congress show that it was the dream of his life. Therefore when the event was accomplished, it is easy to imagine that he, on his own authority as Director of the Mint, ordered the Engraver to make dies for this work and with the Engraver's name, his own name and the wording "Medal Series of the U.S. Mint" issued and sold this medal as other national medals are issued and sold."

As of possible interest I take pleasure in enclosing a specimen of the medal in question.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

July 1, 1924.

Mr. L. J. Inman,
546 Pine Avenue,
Long Beach, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 26 relative to the photographing of money, I am enclosing an excerpt from the penal code of the United States, Section 171, covering the subject matter of your inquiry.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1924.

Mr. L. B. Dolan,
601 W. Sixth Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Your letter of June 25 addressed to Hon. F. B. Swank has been referred by Congressman Swank to this Bureau for attention.

I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint to be forwarded to you through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office. I am also enclosing copy of pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1924.

Hon. Francisco Valdes,
Director of the Mint,
Mexico City, Mexico.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 10, 1924 together with Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922. This report has been placed in our files and will be referred to with much interest and profit by this Bureau. Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in forwarding this report.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1924.

Mr. Herman Grimm,
P. O. Box 317,
Skagway, Alaska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 17 please be advised that the Treasury Department is not purchasing silver, and purchases of silver under the Pittman Act have been completed. The price paid for silver is the market rate, which changes from day to day, the market price today being about 67 cents.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1924.

Mr. S. H. Brooks,
754 So. Millvale. Ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the mints and assay offices are not required to receive gold which contains 800 or more parts by assay of base metals. Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. Deposits of less than $100.00 in value are not acceptable.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1924.

Chairman, Personnel Classification Board,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Personnel Classification Board Circular No. 8 I have to report that there have been no new appointments, changes in duties, or separations from the service during the month of June, 1924, in this Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1924.

Hon. Porter H. Dale,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Dale:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 1, 1924, together with letter and resolution of the Ulysses S. Grant Post of Chicago referring to the Act approved March 17, 1924.

Please be advised that the design for the coin authorized by the Act referred to has not yet been determined upon or accepted by the Department. It is in course of preparation and it is expected several weeks will elapse before the design is submitted to the Department for approval.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1924.

Mr. A. Auchly,
921 Haskell Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 27 please be advised that the pure silver content of a silver dollar weighs 371.25 grains. The pure gold content of a gold dollar weighs 23.22 grains. Regardless of the price of silver 371.25 grains of pure silver are required to make a silver dollar.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1924.

Mr. John J. Rosenberger,
256 West Jackson Street,
York, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the design for the coin authorized by the Act approved March 17, 1924 has not yet been submitted to the Treasury Department for approval. It will therefore be several weeks before work is commenced on these coins. After the coins have been manufactured they will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia. The coins will not be distributed by the Treasury Department.

I am returning $1.25 enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1924.

Hon. S. O. Bland,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Bland:

Replying to your letter of June 28 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. It does not pass upon the numismatic value of rare coins. I take pleasure in enclosing a circular giving information on coins and medals.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1924.

Mr. Leslie Pondexter,

Stotts City, Missouri.

Sir:

I am returning the material enclosed with your note of June 27 and have to advise that the Government redeems mutilated coins only when it is possible to determine the character of the coins. The bullion value of the mass is not sufficient to permit the Mints to handle it.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1924.

Mr. H. E. Morrill, Vice President,
The Cataract National Bank,
Niagara Falls, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of July 1 enclosing a check for $1.00, to the Treasurer of the United States reached this Bureau this morning. As there are no 1924 coins in the Cashier's Office of the Treasury Department, I telephoned to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to forward to you by special delivery a 1924 silver dollar. Will you please be kind enough to forward to the Superintendent a check for the face value of the coin plus postage which he will pay in advance. I have asked the Superintendent to agree to forward this coin in anticipation of hearing from you because I hope the coin may reach you in time for the ceremony for which it is desired.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Enc.
Check, $1.00
Stamp .10

July 7, 1924.

Hon. R. C. Cole,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Cole:

Your letter of July 3 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Please be advised that the fifty-cent pieces issued in commemoration of the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary are being distributed by the Fifth National Bank, New York City. It is understood the coins are sold for $1.00 each. The coins are not being distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1924.

Mr. M. M. Mandel,
2232 Davidson Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 3 please be advised that the commemorative coins are distributed by the agencies named in the Act authorizing the issue of the coins. It is customary for the agencies so designated to dispose of the coins at a premium for the purpose of defraying the costs of the celebration of the event for which the coins were authorized.

I am enclosing a circular giving information on coins and medals of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1924.

Mr. T. Bellati,
138 Jay Street,
Albany, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 1 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1924.

Miss Marion Bayman,

Stitzer, Wisconsin.

Madame:

Your letter of June 23 has been referred to this office for attention.

Please be advised that a cubic foot of gold weighs approximately 2521.744 troy pounds.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1924.

Mr. A. C. McDonald,
Box 536,
Kelso, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 28 please be advised that the Stone Mountain memorial coin when ready will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia. They will not be distributed by the Treasury Department. The design for the coin has not as yet been submitted to the Department, hence it will be several weeks before the coins is minted.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1924.

Hon. Walter H. Newton,
1208 Builders Exchange,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Congressman Newton:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 1, 1924, together with enclosure from Mrs. A. M. Smith, 2212 Fremont Ave., Minneapolis.

I am returning Mrs. Smith's card and have to advise that the design for the coin authorized by the Act approved March 17, 1924 has not as yet been submitted to the Treasury Department for approval, hence it will be several weeks before the coins will be ready for distribution. The coins, when ready, will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1924.

Mrs. George Oleson,
Box 75,
Poplar Grove, Illinois.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of June 27 please be advised that the note you describe is of Confederate issue and is of no value except as a curio.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1924.

Mr. Hipolit Gliwic,
Counselor, Legation of Poland,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 2 enclosing copy of letter forwarded by you stating that you hope to have within the next few days prototypes of the silver coins to be minted at the Philadelphia Mint for your Government. The Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to wait for the receipt of these prototypes before proceeding with the master dies.

In reference to our recent conversation and to a letter dated June 25 addressed to Mr. Brownell of the American Smelting and Refining Company, copy of which was left by you at this office, I desire to state to you in writing the understanding of this Bureau in regard to this proposed coinage.

The copy of letter left by you conveys the following information:

No. of coins	Denomination	Diameter	Weight	Allowance for variation in weight	Fineness	Allowance for variation in fineness
12,000,000	1 zloty	23 mm.	5 grams	.005	.750	.003
6,000,000	2 "	27 "	10 "	.005	.750	.003

With reference to the above schedule of items I desire to call your attention to the allowance in variation in weight and fineness and to suggest that instead of the allowance for variation in weight being .005 on each coin of both denominations and allowance for variation in fineness of .003 on each coin of both denominations, that the allowance in weight and fineness shall be the same as that of the United States coins, namely 1.5 grains in weight and .003 in fineness.

It is assumed you understand the coinage is to be executed at the rate of $3.50 per 1000 pieces for the 1 zloty pieces, and that in accordance with our conversation you understand that the charge for coinage of the 2 zloty pieces is to be at the rate of $4.00 per 1000 pieces; these charges to include the cost of the working dies. Two master dies will be required, one for each denomination, at a cost of $300 each.

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It is estimated that 960 kegs will be required to contain the coins, the cost of which and the bags will be additional. The one zloty pieces will be packed 25,000 pieces to the keg, and the two zloty pieces, 12,500 pieces to the keg.

It is also understood that you agreed to have the one zloty pieces executed without being weighed individually, but that the two zloty pieces will be weighed individually.

From my conversation with you I understand that you desire shipment of 5,000,000 pieces as early as possible. These coins will be prepared in the denomination of one zloty pieces in accordance with your request and will be ready for delivery as promptly as possible after the completion of the dies. The preparation of the dies will take between two and three weeks and the actual coinage will require very few days in addition.

It is also understood that the American Smelting and Refining Company, the agent named by you to act as agent of your Government, will receive and make payment for the coins at the mint. It is further understood that the silver and copper required for this coinage will be delivered to the Mint by the agent named.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1924.

Mr. Leonard P. Morgan,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith voucher submitted by you for reimbursement of traveling expenses while on annual settlement at the Philadelphia Mint and returning to New York, with request that time of departure from Philadelphia and arrival at New York be indicated on reverse of voucher form; also kindly forward copy of travel order to accompany voucher to the General Accounting Office.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in amount $7.95, which I will thank you to file with the accounts of Freas Styer, Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., for the period January 1 to March 31, 1924.

Respectfully,

enc.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1924.

Mr. R. W. Craton,
Beattyville, Ky.

Sir:

Your letter of June 20th to the Philadelphia Mint has been referred to this office.

The British sovereign or pound sterling contains 113.0016 grains of pure gold. It is understood that at one time the sovereign was worth exactly a Tower pound of silver; and that a Tower pound is 15/16 of a troy pound. The British monetary law prescribes 934 pounds 10 shillings as equivalent to 20 pounds, troy, British standard (11/12 fine) gold. According to the Standard Dictionary, quoting from Max Muller's "Chips", the term sterling was derived as follows: "Eastphalian traders were known in England by the name of Easterlings; and their money being of the purest quality, easterling, in Latin easterlingus, shortened to sterling, became the general name of pure or sterling money." The Americana encyclopedia states that the term sterling is affixed to discriminate from the pound weight.

A copy of the last report of the Director of the Mint will be forwarded under separate cover.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1924.

The World Almanac,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find revised excerpts from The Almanac forwarded with your letter of July 3d.

Respectfully,

W M Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 8, 1924.

Mr. Percy P. Harris,
Plain View Post Office,
Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded with your letter of recent date and have to advise you that the same is pyrites and of no commercial value.

Respectfully,

M. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Mr. Geo. F. Sawyer,
The Improved Seamless Wire Co.,
775 Eddy Street,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 3 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1912 and 1913, which describes the use of the Wohlwill process of refining.

The Wohlwill United States patents are Nos. 625,863 and 625,864 dated May 30, 1899 to Emil Wohlwill and 961,924 of June 21, 1910 to H. Wohlwill.

In Metallurgical & Chemical Engineering (formerly Electro-Chemical and Metallurgical Industry) you will find information as follows:

Vol. 1 page 157 Vol. II pages 221 and 261 Vol IV pages 355, 408 and 450. Vol. VIII pages 62, 82 and 433. Vol. IX page 443.

In the Engineering and Mining Journal, Vol. XCII, pages 901 and 950 are important quotations from Transactions American Institute of Mining Engineers, Vol. XLII.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Miss Lucy M. Stephens,

Charlottesville, Virginia.

Madame:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded with your letter of July 8 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Dr. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Mr. H. E. Harlow,

Satanta, Kansas.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Hon. Geo. A. Welsh,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Welsh:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of July 8 in behalf of Mr. James P. Garrett.

Upon receipt of telephone communication from your office this Bureau took up with the Philadelphia Mint the case of Mr. Garrett and found that he had reached the retirement age; that the Superintendent recommended him for continuance of two years but the Public Health physicians refused to pass him as physically fit to be retained in his present position for an extension of two years. The only way we could save him from being retired was to give him a position which would involve less laborious duty and we therefore made a place for him as watchman; otherwise we would be forced to retire him. This appears now to be the only alternative in this case, but the matter will be taken up further with the Superintendent at Philadelphia and if there is anything further within our power to do we will be glad to accede to your request in the interest of Mr. Garrett and advise you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Mr. Claud D. Burton,
Comanche, Oklahoma,
R.F.D. No. 1.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 30 you are advised that there is no Mint in Washington and this office has no knowledge of a deposit of silver by the person named in your letter. Neither the Mints nor the Assay Offices purchase silver in the form of ore.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Mr. A. Gehrt,
1454 E. Warne Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 1 please be advised that this Department knows of no process for cleaning one cent pieces, and I am therefore unable to assist you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Mr. Benjamin Levy,
15 Bristol Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 3 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, New York, 32 Wall Street, receives deposits of gold approximating and exceeding $100.00 in value. A charge is made for fitting the material for coinage purposes and payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States. Gold is not coined on individual account.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

G. E. Heckert & Co.,
31 East 10th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 3 please be advised that as the collection of coins, tokens and medals has been removed from the Philadelphia Mint to the National Museum, Washington, D.C., the Mint Service is not in position to purchase the volumes you mention.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Mr. Peter Vogelaar,
1039 South 2nd West Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 5 please be advised that the coin commemorating the commencement of work on the Stone Mountain memorial, when ready for distribution, will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia. The Treasury Department will not distribute these coins. As the design for these coins has not as yet been submitted to the Treasury Department for approval it will be several weeks before the coins are ready.

Respectfully,

M. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Miss Florence Fort,

Stronghurst, Illinois.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of June 30 I am unable to advise you what to wrap coins in to prevent them from tarnishing.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Mr. E. C. French,
Manager, Cash Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 7 please be advised that it is not contrary to any Federal statute for an individual, firm or corporation to melt United States gold coins.

Gold coins of the United States may be melted for use in the jewelry trade without authority from the Government.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Mrs. M. Lungefeld,
3446 Harlem Place,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the pencil rubbings forwarded with your note of recent date and have to advise that the Government does not pass upon the numismatic value of coins, nor does the Government pay a premium on any issue of coins.

I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information you seek.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1924.

Hon. Frank B. Willis,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Willis:

Replying to your letter of July 8 enclosing a letter from Mr. J. P. Callery, this Bureau takes pleasure in forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1923, the last issued, which carries the coinage of the United States from the beginning of operations of the Mints by years and denominations. The Report contains several other tables of interest relative to coinage. It is brought up to date from year to year, and Mr. Callery's name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming report, which will be issued some time in November for the fiscal year 1924.

There are also enclosed a mimeograph copy of statement issued by the Secretary's office giving a description of the paper currency issued by the United States, and a circular issued by this Bureau giving information on coins and medals.

May I suggest that Mr. Callery be advised that the Mints of the United States are not allowed to pay out coins except on the order of the Treasurer of the United States. I would suggest that Mr. Callery address requests for new coins to that officer. The mints manufacture the coins and are required to hold them at the disposal of the Treasurer. Should Mr. Callery prefer to address the Director of the Mint, Washington, this Bureau will take great pleasure in assisting him in any way possible to attain the object of his desires in regard to coinage.

In accordance with your request the letter of Mr. Callery is returned.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1924.

Mr. J. H. Mason,
Mason & Crawford Garage,
Heavener, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am returning herewith $1.00 forwarded with your letter of July 8 and have to advise you that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

The sample of ore will be returned to you upon its receipt in this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1924.

Mr. W. B. O'Connor,
Credit Department,
Central Union Trust Company of New York,
80 Broadway, New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 9, 1924, I have taken pleasure in causing copy of pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Princial Countries of the World" to be forwarded to you.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Federal Reserve Board for reply to the inquiry regarding the Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1924.

Mr. James Vincent McHugh,
Grand Central Station,
New York Post Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 7 please be advised that positions in the Mint and Assay Service are under Civil Service. I would suggest that you address the District Secretary, Civil Service Commission, New York City, for information as to possible examination for this position.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1924.

Mr. H. S. Springer,

Muscatine, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your card of July 7 please be advised that the design for the coin to be issued in commemoration of the beginning of work on the Stone Mountain Memorial has not as yet been submitted to the Treasury Department for approval, hence it will be several weeks before the coin is manufactured. These coins will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and will not be disposed of by the Treasury Department. Application for the coins should be addressed to the above Association.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1924.

Mr. H. L. Richards,

Nallen, W. Va.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1924.

Chairman, Fine Arts Commission,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith a photograph of the obverse and a photograph of the reverse of the coin authorized by the Act of March 17, 1924, to commemorate the commencement on June 18, 1923, of the work of carving on Stone Mountain, Georgia, a monument to the valor of the soldiers of the South * * * and in memory of Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, in whose administration the work was begun.

The designs are submitted to you for advise as to their artistic merits, in accordance with Executive Order dated July 28, 1921.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1924.

Monsieur Le Directeur,
de l'Administration des Monnaies et Medailles,
Paris, France.

Dear Mr. Director:

It gives me pleasure to return the proof sheets of your report, forwarded with your favor of June 28, 1924, with the required data pertaining to the United States. If any of the figures inserted thereon by this office should prove to be dubious or illegible, may I refer you to our printed reports for the fiscal years 1920, 1921, and 1922, copies of which have been forwarded at the time issued, and from which the figures in question have been taken, as below:

Subject	Pages of Report for fiscal year 1922	Pages of Report for fiscal year 1921	Pages of Report for fiscal year 1920
Coinage - - - - - - - - - -	100 to 105	----	----
Coinage for other countries - - - - - - - -	50	65	76
Industrial consumption of gold and silver- - -	47-48	----	----
Production of gold and silver - - - - - - - - - -	46	----	----
Imports and export of gold and silver- - - - - - -	58 to 68	74 to 84	86 to 98
Monetary stock - - - - - -	114	127	149

Part of your numbered questions are answered by the insertions on the above mentioned proof sheets.

Monetary legislation during the period in question may be found in the annual reports of this office, as follows: report for fiscal year 1922, page 129; 1921, page 141; 1920, page 163.

Recoinage (or coin withdrawn from circulation for melting), domestic and foreign, may be found as follows: annual mint report for fiscal year 1922, pages 50 and 56; 1921, pages 67 and 72; 1920, pages 78 and 84.

For answers to your questions 5 and 6 concerning industrial uses of gold and silver reference is made to the following: annual mint report for fiscal year 1922, pages 46-48; 1921, pages 61-63; 1920, pages 72-74.

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Questions 11 and 12. Considerable gold and silver is extracted from foreign ores. Information as to the actual quantities is not available, but a fair estimate of same can be made by comparing the import and export figures, the compilations of same separately stating ore and base bullion, refined bullion, domestic coin, and foreign coin, (reference pages given above).

The stock of domestic gold coin in the United States on December 31, 1921, was estimated as $825,719,367; gold bullion and foreign coin, $2,834,849,507. These figures do not include gold bullion and foreign coin outside the vaults of the Treasury, Federal Reserve Banks, and Federal Reserve Agents.

Exchange Rates in New York for Sight Drafts on
Paris and London in 1919-1921.

Year	Paris			London		
	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average
1919	$0.1834	$0.0916	$0.13682	$4.75875	$3.66750	$4.4258
1920	.0928	.05705	.0704	4.0175	3.2225	3.66427
1921	.0878	.0584	.074554	4.2295	3.5450	3.849056

No information is available for reply to your question numbered 17.

Please consider this an answer both to your inquiry addressed to this office, and a duplicate addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury. The latter has been referred to this office.

With assurance of my esteem and with appreciation of your cooperation in providing similar information from time to time, at my request, concerning your own country, I am

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1924.

Hon. Robert A. Johnson,
Deputy Master and Comptroller,
Royal Mint,
London, E.1.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of July 1, 1924, two specimens of the Monroe Doctrine half dollar for your Museum.

It would give me much pleasure to forward these coins to you but the act authorizing their issue required that they should be turned over to the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California. It is understood that a number of these coins remained on hand after the Exposition and it is understood they are being distributed at face value, and it is believed the Los Angeles Clearing House will be able to supply you with them.

I regret that we have none of these coins in the Mint and there are none in the Treasury Department, otherwise I would be glad to supply you with them. May I suggest that you cause a letter to be addressed to the Los Angeles Clearing House, Los Angeles, California with the object of obtaining a specimen of these coins.

The New York Tercentenary coin to which you refer is undoubtedly the Huguenot-Walloon half dollar, issued in commemoration of the settling of the Middle States in 1624 by French and Belgian Huguenots and Walloons. These coins are distributed by the Fifth National Bank, New York City, the agency named in the act for this purpose.

With personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

F. A. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1924.

Mr. Philip J. Murray,
42 McKean Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of June 21 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau.

Upon investigation I find that the records show that you were employed as a temporary helper at the Mint in Philadelphia, your last appointment terminating January 12, 1924. The Superintendent of the Mint states that your work was satisfactory and should he need additional help and your name is certified by the Civil Service Commission he would be glad to employ you. I regret that there is no probability that extra help will be needed at the Mint in Philadelphia for some time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1924.

Mr. Thomas J. Callahan,
3024 N. Dauphin Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of July 14. I am just leaving for the West and upon my return I will take your case up with Mr. Styer and see what can be done.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of June 25, 1924, file C-GR-6, forwarding statement of differences pertaining to this office found in the disbursing accounts of J. L. Summers, per Settlement C-11467-T, for the month of December, 1923, the following is submitted:

Sheet #94, voucher #4, R. J. Grant, Traveling expenses, $90.00. The voucher appears to be properly drawn as to chronological order of pertinent dates and places visited. The places visited on official business were Denver, both going and returning, and San Francisco. Subsistence for two days and Pullman fare Los Angeles to San Francisco, on account of roundabout route and stopover in Los Angeles at own expense have not been charged to the Government. No charge was made for Pullman fare Cheyenne to Denver although this travel was on Government business. The nature of the stay at other points visited is stated in the authority for travel, copy of which is attached to voucher.

Sheet #94, voucher #7, R. J. Grant, Traveling expenses, $4.01. Amended travel authorization, providing for subsistence expenses or per diem in lieu of subsistence, enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1924.

Hon. Charles D. Walcott,
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am enclosing a Colombian 20-cent piece which was transmitted through the State Department at the request of Mr. Henry G. Granger, an American citizen representing the Lewisohn mining interests in Colombia, to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I am directed by the Secretary to transmit this coin to you with the request that you kindly cause the same to be included in the Collection lent to the National Museum.

Respectfully,

[illegible] J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

1 enclosure.

Memorandum

The work of recoining the silver dollars melted under the terms of the Pittman Act of April 23, 1918 was of such magnitude as to require the full capacity of the three coinage mints of the United States for over two years time, if the coinage of all other denominations had been discontinued. It was impossible to discontinue the manufacture of other coin. The policy of the Department was to recoin as rapidly as possible the silver bullion being purchased in accordance with this Act, into dollars, because of the fact that the silver bullion, as such, was a dead asset which could not be used to pay the Government's expenses or debts, nor as reserve against other forms of money, while the Government must pay interest on many borrowed millions with which to buy the bullion.

Conditions surrounding the manufacture of coin are such as to make it impossible to confine operations for a long period of time to any particular denomination; for example: it is usual, for several months preceding the Christmas holidays, for the coinage mints to be employed exclusively on denominations below the dollar to meet the needs of the holiday trade. It was therefore out of the question to employ men and keep them exclusively engaged in the manufacture of silver dollars for a long period of time. It was also impractical to hire and discharge at such intervals, frequent or infrequent, as were involved in the shifting of the coining work from or to silver dollars. The condition also obtained that for months at a time there was comparatively little or no demand for coin to meet the needs of trade; therefore our regular force of employees was available for use in the manufacture of silver dollars. Again it has been necessary to make other denominations of coin simultaneously with silver dollars.

Part of the purchased silver bullion was combined with gold and other metals and must be separated therefrom before it can be coined. This separation involves mixing with non-Pittman-Act bullion, and will not be completed for a year or more.

It will thus be seen that is has not been possible to definitely determine exact amounts actually used in the manufacture of silver dollars.

The policy has been to use our regular force of employees, and regular supplies, to meet the expense of manufacturing the silver dollars insofar as they would cover same; supplementing these appropriations, from time to time, by reimbursements from the "Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold," in accordance with the Comptroller's Decision authorizing same. When the stocks of silver bullion were very

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large the operations of the mints were increased by the employment of additional men and by working sixteen or more hours per day. Monthly reimbursement has been made to the regular wages appropriations of the amounts required for payment of the employees in excess of those provided for by our regular appropriations, and monthly reimbursement to the contingent appropriations for such amounts as would provide the supplies and non-personal services required to keep the institutions operating.

The greater portion of silver dollars recoinable under the Act of April 23, 1918, have now been replaced and it is anticipated that use of the silver dollar fund will be materially lessened in future. It is possible that at times some of the individual monthly vouchers may be held until they can be combined with other vouchers, thus reducing the number of reimbursement transactions; however, such transactions will probably not be numerous in any event.

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Wm. M. Geddes,
Office Comptroller General, U. S.

July 15, 1924.

July 15, 1924.

Mr. John C. Emison, Treasurer,
American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Emison:

There has been some delay in replying to your letter of July 11 for the reason that we have been doubtful as to the time of the return of the Chief Clerk of the Philadelphia Mint.

In regard to the kind of copper to be used for the proposed Polish coinage, will you kindly confer directly with the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. The coinage is to be executed at that institution and the Superintendent has been authorized to communicate with you directly in regard to the delivery of the metal necessary. It is understood that the original order for Polish coinage is to be increased, but the formal notification has not come through.

The Engraver at the Mint has gone as far as possible with the preparation of the dies pending receipt from the Polish Consul of the prototypes, but there will be no delay on the part of the mint as soon as the dies are ready. I feel satisfied that the Superintendent at Philadelphia can give you all necessary and satisfactory information about the delivery of the metal.

The Director referred to his verbal communication with you in regard to silver deliveries at San Francisco but did not seem to think that arrangement could be entered into at once. He will be out of the city for several weeks. It is probable in any case at least two more weeks would be required before the dies can be made ready, and I hope this will give you time to have satisfactory communication with the Superintendent at Philadelphia in regard to any details you may wish to submit to him.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1924.

Mr. George W. Shafer,
Box 238,
Gideon, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 12 please be advised that the only data we have on hand regarding coinage is that contained in the Report of the Director of the Mint, copy of which will be sent to you.

The Government does not pass upon the value of coins, and does not undertake to collect or supply them. You are further advised that the Government does not keep coins segregated by years.

I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1924.

Mr. Mark Wiseman,
The Blackman Company,
120 West 42nd Street
New York City.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of July 14, 1924, asking to be informed as to the process of washing paper money. The Mints do not handle paper money and your letter has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States for the necessary information.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1924.

Mr. W. H. Willoughby,
P. O. Box 712,
New Britain, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 11 please be advised that one-cent pieces bearing the date 1922 were coined at the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

The Mints do not keep coins segregated by years, but if you address the Superintendent of the above institution that officer may be able to furnish you with the specimen you desire.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 15, 1924.

Mr. J. B. Tolson,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 11 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

I am returning herewith the material forwarded with your letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1924.

Mr. Julius Klein,
Director, Bureau of Foreign
and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 12, 1924, this Bureau takes pleasure in forwarding to you two copies of the Coinage Laws, on page 10 of which you will find the Act of June 15, 1906, which forbids the importation, exportation, or carriage in inter-state commerce of falsely or spuriously stamped articles of gold and silver or their alloys.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1924.

Mr. Joseph S. Callery,
308 Euclid Avenue,
Room 1606,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Callery:

I have your letter of July 15, referring to a communication you have received from Senator Willis regarding our ability to supply you with information regarding coins. This Bureau will be glad to be of any possible service to you, and in answer to your letter I may be able to clear some points for you.

We have not a list of people to whom we send specimen new coins. We have, however, a mailing list including a number of people to whom we send a coinage statement at the end of each month, and your name has been placed upon this list to receive the monthly coinage report. We would not be allowed to send out specimen coins. All the coins are subject to the order of the Treasurer of the United States. It will be necessary for you to obtain the coins you desire through the Treasurer, of the United States, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. If you will make application to that officer he will be able to advise you as to whether or not the current coins you desire are obtainable. I have had prepared for you the enclosed copy of the coinage by mints for the current calendar year.

The manufacture of half dollars during the calendar year 1924 has been confined to the special issue known as the Huguenot Half Dollar. The coins are being sold by the Fifth National Bank, New York City, the agent named by Congress in the bill authorizing the issue of these coins. It is understood that they are being sold at $1.00.

The Mints no longer make proof pieces, and there are no proof pieces on hand from past years. Coins are not segregated by years.

The Treasury Department did not handle the Panama Pacific Exposition coins. May I suggest that it is possible you might trace some of them through the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company, San Francisco.

We are not allowed to issue a list of coin dealers, and, therefore, as a source of information which would be disinterested, may I further suggest that the American Numismatic Society, Broadwat, at 156th Street, New York City, is accessible.

I am also enclosing a circular containing information relative to coins and medals, and a circular about the monetary system of our Government, both of which I trust will be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1924.

Survey of Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of June, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold - - - - 65,442.871 fine ozs.

Unrefined domestic silver - - - 105,162.35 " "

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1924.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of June, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined bullion -	105,182.35	fine ozs.
Foreign unrefined bullion- -	86,293.46	" "
Foreign silver coin - - - -	4,248.55	" "

Respectfully,

Mary M. McRuiz

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1924.

The United States Guarantee Company,
35 South William Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 16 please be advised that Mr. Edward McKenna died April 15, 1924. Mr. McKenna was employed in the United States Assay Office, New York, until the time of his death.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1924.

Department of Commerce,
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Eastern European Division.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your article "The New Polish Bank of Issue" in Commerce Reports, June 30, 1924:

Could you supply this office with a copy of the Polish Monetary Law or other information showing the definite adoption of the theoretical gold zloty as the monetary standard by the Republic of Poland?

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy,

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1924.

Mr. Edward S. Van Dyck, President,
Arizona Silver Mines Company,
420 Forum Building,
Sacramento, Calif.

Sir:

I have your certified itemized statement of production records of the Arizona Silver Mines Company, covering silver produced and tendered for sale to the Government under the Pittman Act, forwarded with your letter of July 15, 1924.

I note the statement in your letter that the certified statement is as nearly correct as can possibly be made, and you believe it likely that your actual recoveries will closely approximate the amount shown on hand, 8,313.68 ounces.

You are authorized to make delivery of the quantity last mentioned provided that your experience in working the material in question does not lead you to believe that a smaller quantity is actually recovered.

According to the records of this office the tenders made by you and accepted by this office total 33,000 ounces, of which there has been delivered 15,936 ounces. Considering the balance remaining as deliverable, as above, 8,313.68 ounces, your total deliveries will be approximately 8,750 ounces less than tendered and accepted.

I trust that you will make deliveries as rapidly as possible in order that the transactions may be closed at an early date.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 22, 1924.

Dear Mr. Borglum:

By direction of the Undersecretary I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Chairman of the Fine Arts Commission relative to the design submitted by you for the Stone Mountain coin.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Mr. Gutzon Borglum
Borgland,
Stamford, Connecticut.

Enclosure.

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

WASHINGTON
July 22, 1924.

Sir:

In accordance with your letter of July 14, submitting designs for the coin to commemorate the beginning of the work of carving Stone Mountain, Georgia, and in memory of Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, in whose administration the work was begun, the Commission of Fine Arts respectfully report that artistic merit is lacking in the design.

A glance at the drawing of General Lee's body will show you that if properly drawn it would extend into the horse's back a good six inches and that his leg seems to come from the region of his waistcoat pocket. The horses' heads and necks are good, but not good enough to redeem the general design, which is poor and weak.

The reverse is crowded, and the reference to President Harding is most unfortunately made subordinate.

The entire design lacks study and appreciation of the art of the medal as distinct from the art of sculpture in general. The execution of the design would result in a coin below the standard of United States coins. The design therefore is disapproved.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles Moore

Chairman.

Hon. Robert J. Grant,
Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department.

July 22, 1924.

Hon. Charles Moore,
Chairman, The Commission of
Fine Arts,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Under Secretary of the Treasury a copy of your letter of July 22, relative to the design submitted by Mr. Borglum for the Stone Mountain coin, has this day been forwarded to Mr. Borglum.

The photographs left by the Secretary of the Commission of Fine Arts are, in accordance with his request, returned.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 22, 1924.

Mr. G. W. Kenson,
24 West Fourth Street,
Mansfield, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Kenson:

Replying to your letter of July 18 please be advised that the Mint at Philadelphia, the Mint at Denver, Colorado, or the U.S.Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York, will receive dental scrap when it approximates or exceeds $100 in value. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States after deducting charges, which are nominal, for preparing the material for coinage purposes. The gold content only is paid for. The institutions of the Mint service do not purchase platinum or the allied metals. If the platinum is free it should be removed from the deposit before the scrap is sent to the Mint or Assay Office.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1924.

Mr. Charles J. Motz,
Candler Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 21, 1924, please be advised that satisfactory designs for this coin have not yet been presented to the Department. As soon as acceptable designs are received by the Department from the Association having in charge the procuring of designs there will be no delay upon the part of the Mint in the manufacture of the dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1924.

Miss Anita Hasser,
Long Prairie, Minn.

Miss:

In reply to your letter of July 14, 1924, please be advised that no silver dollars were coined in 1906. This Office has no knowledge of the lost at sea of any special coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1924.

The General Accounting Office,
Chief of Civil Division,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

There is enclosed the original of the contract with the Public Service Company of Colorado for furnishing Light, Power and Gas to the United States Mint at Denver during the fiscal year 1925. The contract has been duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1924.

Mr. Joe Hall,
R.17, Box 47,
Mt. Washington. Ohio.

Sir;

The two samples of quartz rock submitted by you have no mineral value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Specimen returned Registered

July 24, 1924

Mary C. Smith.
c/o Miss Gallagher,
3127 N. Broad St.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Madam;

The sample submitted by you contains no "Pyrite" commonly known as fools gold, or other mineral values.

Gold frequently occurs associated with Pyrites in minute quantities.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. Reedy

Acting Director of the Mint.

Samples returned

July 24, 1924

Mr. John Echols.
Prima, Arizona.

Sir;

A visual examination of your sample of rock indicates the presence of copper. There is no government laboratory at Washington equipped to pass upon the values of ores for the general public.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting. Director of the Mint.

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Sample returned.

July 25, 1924.

Engineering and Mining Journal Press,
Tenth Avenue and 36th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of July 12th, there is being forwarded herewith voucher in the sum of $5.00 covering one year's renewal subscription from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "Engineering and Mining Journal Press", with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be immediately passed for payment.

Original voucher, forwarded you June 25th, in amount $4.00, was not found upon receipt of your letter of July 12th as stated. Will you kindly return same?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 25

Mr. Samuel H. Brooks.
754 South Millvale Avenue.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sir;

Replying to the second request in your letter of July 2 received by reference from the United States Geological Survey;

There are a number of different processes for parting Gold from Silver, some of them of great antiquity, but only three are now in use on a large scale.

These are the Sulphuric Acid process introduced in Paris in 1802, the Chlorine process, introduced at the Sydney Mint in 1870, and the electrolytic process, introduced at Hamburg in 1888.

The Moebius and Wohlwill electrolytic processes are now used together, to the exclusion of the Sulphuric Acid Process, at the United States Mints at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco, and at the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1924.

Mr. Joseph E. Merriam,
Mount Kisco,
New York.

S i r:

A copy of your letter of May 21, 1924, addressed to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines, together with copy of reply of the Chief Clerk, U. S. Geological Survey, has been forwarded to this Bureau. It is noted that you request a copy of document 177, an article written by Rossiter W. Raymond. I regret that this Department has no copies of that document available for distribution. This Bureau has taken pleasure in causing your name to be put on the mailing list for the annual report of the Director of the Mint. Under separate cover is being mailed to you a copy of the last edition of this report.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1924

Hon. Frank B. Willis,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Willis:

Your letter of July 24, addressed to the Secretary, has been referred to this office for attention. The President Harding medal is for sale at the mint at Philadelphia for One Dollar plus the postage, which is about twelve cents. Any number of copies of this medal are available to the public at any time.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1924.

General Naval Stores Co.,
Sales Department,
Ninety West Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of July 24, please be advised that the mints and assay offices do not use turpentine in any appreciable quantities.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1924

Jane E. Roberts,
Chief, Accession Division,
Ohio State Library,
Columbus, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 23, please be advised that the volume entitled, "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the U. S.," is for sale by the Public Printer at One Dollar per copy. I regret that we have no copies of this book for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Thos. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 26, 1924.

Mr. V. P. Simmons, Acting Chief,
Supply Division,
U. S. Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

S i r:

Replying to your letter of the 24th, asking to be advised in regard to the procedure necessary to have dental scrap treated at the mints, please be advised that the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, U. S. Mint at Denver, U. S. Mint at San Francisco, and the New York Assay Office will receive dental scrap and make payment for the same after deducting the usual nominal charge from the value of the deposit. The only metals purchased by the mints and assay office are gold and silver. No allowance is made for platinum contained in dental scrap as the mints are not in the market for that metal. The material should be forwarded by registered mail or express, charges prepaid. Payment will be made for the gold and silver content by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Mary V. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 26, 1924

Mrs. Etta Tipper,
R. F. D. #2, Box 103,
Pelham, Ga.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 22, 1924, I am unable to advise you of the value placed by coin collectors on the piece you describe and would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, 156th St. and Broadway, New York City. This Society is not a collecting agency but probably will be able to advise you of what coin collectors would be liable to pay for a specimen such as you describe.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1924

Mr. Charles L. Wagner,

Pukwana, South Dakota.

S i r:

Replying to your letter of the 16th, addressed to the Department of State and referred to this office for attention, please be advised that this Department has no knowledge of any coins issued at any time by the State of Texas.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1924

Mr. A. I. Westerman. Cashier.
First National Bank.
Robinson, Illinois.

Sir;

I am returning herewith the materials submitted by you for examination. The government maintains no laboratory at Washington which undertakes to pass upon miscellaneous ores and materials for the public; for such information you are referred to the enclosed card.

The amalgam and what appears to be retort residue submitted by you may contain some small metallic values but not in sufficient amount to be acceptable as a deposit at a United States Mint or Assay Office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Q Acting Director of the Mint.

Sample returned
Separate Cover
Same date

July 28, 1924

Mr. David Russ,
Clyde, Miss.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of July 23rd. submitting a sample of rock, you are informed that the government maintains no laboratory at Washington to pass upon such material for the public.

A visual examination of your sample indicates it to be a clay containing no mineral values. It might be of some value for the manufacture of brick or terra cotta, if found in abundance.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Q Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1924.

Mr. Edward P. Leech,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Enclosed please find voucher submitted by you for reimbursement of traveling expenses for the period July 1 to July 20, 1924, with request that same be signed and returned to this office when it will be immediately passed for payment.

It will be noted from notations made on reverse of voucher (which are self explanatory) that a deduction of $4.19 must be made for the reasons indicated. Round-trip railroad fare Denver to New York by direct route, is $121.39 (this amount charged per transportation request issued to Mr. Moessner) while copy of transportation request issued you shows charge of $123.87 or an overcharge of $2.48. Direct Pullman charge New York to Denver is $19.88 while total amount charged per transportation requests used and cash payment (for which reimbursement is requested) made by you total $21.01 or an overcharge of $1.13. Net deductions account subsistence charges $0.58.

Kindly forward a duplicate copy of voucher for the files of this office.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 26, 1924.

Hon. A. L. Bulwinkle,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

Replying to your letter of July 25, please be advised that assays of ore are made for the public in the U. S. Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, the U. S. Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, and the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La. A charge of $1.00 is imposed for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined such as tin, zinc, antimony etc.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1924

Mr. E. R. Hubbell,
3 South Broad Street, Box 145,
Norwich, N. Y.

S i r:

I am returning herewith the postal money order enclosed in your letter of July 25 th, made payable to the Superintendent of the Mint. There is no Superintendent in Washington and I am therefore unable to reindorse it. Your letter merely asks for a silver half dollar. If you desire an ordinary silver half dollar, would it not be possible for you to obtain it from a local banker? The special half-dollars issued to commemorate special events are not sold by the Treasury Department. They are for sale by agencies of the different activities bringing about special legislation for these coins. Your letter does not indicate that you desire any one in particular.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:

July 29, 1924.

Mackall Brothers,
823 H Street, N.E.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Under date of June 20, 1924 this office wrote you regarding an apparent overcharge of $13.50 on a quantity of hydrochloric acid and nitric acid delivered to the Laboratory, Bureau of the Mint, on October 26, 1923, and requesting repayment of the amount by check made payable to the "Director of the Mint." As no reply has been received to our letter we are again bringing this matter to your attention.

This office now holds voucher submitted by you, in amount $45.92, covering a quantity of nitric acid and acetic acid delivered under date of June 5, 1924, and if it meets with your approval the amount of our claim, $13.50, will be deducted from this voucher and settlement made for $32.42.

An early reply is requested.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1924.

Mr. J. T. Jones, Manager,
Aetna Casualty & Surety Co.,
Suite 826 Woodward Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of July 28th regarding bond of Charles K. McCourtney, please be advised that Mr. McCourtney's duties have not been changed. His bond of $15,000 was considered excessive and was reduced to $10,000 for that reason.

Respectfully,

M. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1924

Mrs. G. W. Stricker,
3727 Louisiana Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of July 25th, I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, 156th & Broadway, New York City, for information relative to the value of the $3.00 gold piece you describe.

It is understood that coin dealers pay a premium for these coins. The Government does not issue a list of the values of rare coins and has no list of coin dealers.

Respectfully,

M. Kirtley

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1924.

Hon. Percy E. Quin,
McComb, Miss.

Dear Congressman Quin:

Replying to your letter of July 24th, this Bureau takes pleasure in enclosing a copy of a circular recently issued which contains information regarding special coins. As you know, commemorative coins are not disposed of by the Treasury Department, but are sold usually at double their face value by the associations or societies bringing about the legislation for their issue. Of the more recent coins, it may be possible for your constituent to obtain specimens from the following sources:

Alabama Commemorative Coin; First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.

Pilgrim Tercentenary Coin; Shawmet National Bank, Boston, Mass.

Missouri Commemorative Coin; Sedalia Trust Co., Sedalia, Mo.

The Hugenot Coin; Fifth National Bank, New York City.

As of possible interest to your constituent, I would suggest that he might obtain valuable information in regard to rare coins by addressing the American Numismatic Society, 156th & Broadway, New York City.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:

July 29, 1924.

M. L. Howes, Chairman,
Board of Directors,
Standard Fire Insurance Company,
Hartford, Conn.

S i r:

Your letter of July 25th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, who is now in Europe, has been referred to this office for attention. This Bureau takes pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the coinage laws with supplement thereto. There is also enclosed a pamphlet on the monetary system of the United States which may be of possible interest to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:

July 29, 1924

Mr. George Riley Hall,
"Daily Free-Lance,"
Henryetta, Oklahoma.

S i r:

Your letter of July 25th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, who is now in Europe, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The Department does not pass on the value of old coins, but as a source of reliable information in regard to what collectors might be willing to pay for a dime such as you describe, I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, 156th & Broadway, New York City.

Your letter has been read with interest and your expressions of loyalty will be greatly appreciated by the Secretary.

Respectfully,

W. M. O. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1924

Mr. H. H. Matthews,

Rossburg, Minnesota.

S i r:

Replying to your letter of July 23d, please be advised that assays of ore are made in the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, at a charge of One Dollar for determining gold and silver and One Dollar each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1924.

Mr. John Beckwith,
38 South Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

S i r:

Replying to your letter of recent date, please be advised that the coin issued in commemoration of the ennunciation of the Monroe Doctrine was sold in Los Angeles by the association for which the coin was issued. It is understood that several thousand of these coins were afterward placed in circulation at face value, although a few were first sold at a premium. It is customary for special coins to be sold by the association for which they were issued at double the face value. In the case of Monroe Doctrine coins, I am of the opinion that a specimen could be obtained from almost any bank in Los Angeles, Calif.

The coin known as the Hugenot coin recently issued is for sale by the Fifth National Bank, New York City. A specimen of the Lincoln coin possibly may be obtained by addressing the State Treasurer, Springfield, Ill. The Treasury Department does not handle the sale of special coins.

As of possible interest to you, I would suggest that you might obtain information relative to unusual coins by addressing the American Numismatic Society, 156th & Broadway, New York City.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reid,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1924

Miss Anita Hasser,

Long Prairie, Minn.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 14th, please be advised that this Bureau has no knowledge of the loss at sea of silver dollars in the year 1904. No silver dollars were coined in 1906.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1924.

Director of Supply,
Bureau of Supply, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed please find postage stamps, as follows, value $13.25, in payment of stamps expended for Mint Service field offices by the Warehouse of the Bureau of Supply, Treasury Department, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924:

100 -	10¢	stamps	-	$10.00
51 -	5¢	"	-	2.55
35 -	2¢	"	-	.70
				$13.25

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

enc.

July 30, 1924

Mr. William Castleton,

Whipple, Arizona.

S i r:

Returned herewith is check for $1.00 which you forwarded with your letter of July 25th in which you ask for one of the Huguenot Half Dollars. These coins are not for sale by the Department but may be obtained by addressing the Fifth National Bank, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:

July 30, 1924

Moore & Moore,
Masonic Building,
Paducah, Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the gold and platinum king forwarded with your letter of July 28th with the information that there is no place in Washington where the Government handles such material. The U. S. Mints at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco receive deposits of dental scrap in quantities approximating one hundred dollars or more but do not receive it in smaller quantities. No allowance is made for platinum contained in such deposits.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:

July 30, 1924

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

S i r:

The question of extending or renewing the lease on the building now occupied by the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, is under review. The lease has been signed by Miss Edith G. Prosch as administratrix. Letters of administration for Miss Prosch, together with specimen of her signature, were sent to this office on May 3, 1915, and forwarded to you for filing in connection with the then existing lease. It is now desired to obtain a copy of the letters of administration to be attached to the lease for the current fiscal year. Will you please advise me if such copy of these letters of administration, the original of which is on file in your office, may be obtained by this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1924

Jesse D. Romaine,
P. O. Box 814,
East Lansing, Mich.

Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of July 26th, please be advised that the Monroe Commemorative Half Dollars may be secured from almost any national bank in Los Angeles. Several thousand of these coins were placed in circulation at face value.

The Huguenot Half Dollars are being sold by the Fifth National Bank, New York City.

Respectfully,

M M Reely

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1924.

Mr. M. E. Wright,
Ravinna, Ky.

S i r:

Replying to your inquiry of July 26th, please be advised that the U. S. standard silver dollar contains 371.25 grains of pure silver and the gross weight of the piece is 412.50 grains. The difference between the 371.25 grains and 412.50 grains is made up of copper. $1,000 in standard silver dollars will eigh 58.92 pounds avordupois.

Respectfully,

Mary M. Hall

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1924

Mr. H. B. Ward,
United Bakeries Corporation,
4830 Drexel Boulevard,
Chicago, Ill.

S i r:

Your letter of July 28th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been temporarily referred to this Bureau for attention. The Secretary is now in Europe and your letter will be called to his attention upon his return.

In the meantime this Bureau takes much pleasure in advising you that the Cottrell Electrical Precipitation Installation has been placed in the U. S. Assay Office, New York City, by the Research Corporation, 25th West 43rd Street, New York City. Tests are now being made upon the recoveries overtaken at the Assay Office by this process. No doubt the representative of this corporation will be glad to communicate with you directly in regard to it.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1924.

Mr. Chas. M. Rizika,
The Gift Shop,
Utica, N. Y.

S i r:

Replying to your inquiry of July 28th, please be advised that scrap gold will be received in the form of bullion or used articles. It can be forwarded to the U. S. Assay Office at New York where it will be treated and assayed to determine the amount of gold and silver content. Deposits of less than $100 in value are not received. A charge for melting and assaying and otherwise treating the material for coinage purposes are deducted from the value of the deposit and payment is made for the balance by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Mary McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1924.

Mr. A. L. Beers,
Lyman-Beers Company,
95 Liberty Street,
Springfield, Mass.

S i r:

Replying to your letter of July 26th, enclosing a list of materials you manufacture, I would suggest that you address letters to the following officials who may be interested in the articles you handle:

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York City.

Materials such as those listed in your circular are purchased directly by the officers in charge of the institutions named. There are several articles on your list used in the mint and assay service and the officers named above will be able to advise you whether or not they can use your goods.

Respectfully,

Chas. M. Dickey

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1924

Mr. A. C. Hollenzer,
2427 N. Albany Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

S i r:

Replying to your letter of July 30th, you are advised that the Huguenot half dollars may be obtained from the Fifth National Bank, New York City, at $1.00 each.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1924

Mr. G. C. Reynolds,
Loma, Colorado.

S i r:

Replying to your letter of July 28th, please be advised that the Department does not issue a circular covering the value of coins nor does it issue a list of coin collectors. We have no way of telling the value of the coins you describe.

As a source of possible information to you I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, 156th & Broadway, New York City.

Respectfully,

Jno M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1924

Mr. W. C. Williams,
Box 414,
Sheffield, Ala.

S i r:

Replying to your letter of June 30, you are advised that $2,430,354 in half dollars were coined in 1853. We have no way of telling how many are in circulation. It is presumed that all these pieces were placed in circulation when coined or shortly after.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1924.

Mr. John Montgomery,
3021 Elliott Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

S i r:

Replying to your inquiry of July 28th, please be advised that the design for the Stone Mountain coin has not yet been submitted to the Department.

The "Netherlands Tercentenary," or Huguenot, half dollar, is for sale at $1.00 each by the Fifth National Bank, New York City.

Respectfully,

M M Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1924.

Q-D

Mackall Bros.,
823 "H" St. N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

S i r s:

We have delivered to the Treasury Department storekeeper to-day, four cases containing forty (40) empty acid bottles and forty (40) bottles without cases, a total of eighty (80) bottles and four (4) cases.

Please have your truck call and credit this office for these items.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1924.

Mr. Edward A. Adler,
Law Department,
General Electric Co.,
Schenectady, N. Y.

S i r:

Replying to your letter of July 30th, this Bureau knows of no legal objection to the issue of a car token the same size of a dime if it in nowise resembles a dime and can be readily identified as a token as distinguished from a coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1924.

Mr. M. L. Howes,
Standard Fire Insurance Company,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 31, 1924, please be advised that the Act of March 14, 1900 fixes the standard of value and provides that 25.8 grains of standard gold, 900 fine, equivalent to 23.22 grains of gold 1000 fine shall be worth one dollar, or in other words, that the value of the monetary unit shall be made up of 23.22 grains to the dollar. This makes 480 grains, or one ounce worth $20.67.

Any owner of gold may dispose of it as he pleases to anyone anywhere at any price he wishes to take for his property. The Government places no embargo upon the export or import of gold.

Section 3519 R. S. (page 110 of copy of Coinage Laws sent you) provides that any owner of gold bullion may deposit the same at any mint, etc. This makes it obligatory on the part of the Mints to purchase the gold bullion in sums over $100 in value. Gold owners are not, however, obliged to sell gold to the Government. The Government is obliged to pay the rate fixed by law, $20.67 per ounce for fine gold when it is offered by an owner.

The price of silver changes every day, the same as any other commodity, and the Government pays the market price.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of June 12, 1924, file C-CV-6, forwarding statement of differences pertaining to this office found in the disbursing accounts of J. L. Summers, per Settlement C-11179-T, for the month of November 1923, the following is submitted:

Sheet #107, voucher #5, Mackall Brothers, $46.50. The amount suspended, $13.50, has been deducted from voucher of this concern, covering a recent purchase of acids, filed with the August accounts of J. L. Summers, Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1924.

Dr. Emil Wm. Zeleznik,
5644 Broadway,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 30 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, New York City, accepts gold dental scrap when a deposit is made sufficient in quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Charges are imposed for fitting the material for coinage purposes, and payment made at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. No allowance is made for platinum contained in such deposits.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

August 4, 1924.

Marsh & McLennan,
80 Maiden Lane,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

With reference to the enclosed duplicate of your statement covering the insurance charges on June shipments of nickels and proof gold, please be advised that insurance vouchers should be rendered on Treasury Department stock form 2231, copy of which in enclosed. It is presumed that you have a supply of these forms but if not they can be obtained from the Bureau of Supply, Treasury Department.

Insurance charges on bullion, including proof gold and silver, also assay or pyx coins, may be rendered on a single voucher for each months shipments. Insurance charges on shipments of nickels and cents should be billed separately for each institution making shipments, namely, for the Philadelphia Mint, Denver Mint, and for the San Francisco Mint. All the above named bills should be forwarded to this office.

Bills for insurance on shipments of other coin and currency are not payable through this office.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures:

August 4, 1924.

Hon. Walter E. Edge,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Edge:

Your letter of July 25 in behalf of Mr. Howard Thomas, employed at the Mint in Philadelphia, has been received and will be called to the attention of the Director (who is on a tour of inspection of the Western offices) on his return to the city in about two weeks.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1924.

Mr. Frank Smith,

Dedham, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 31 please be advised that half cents were first coined in 1793, the date of the opening of the Mint and their coinage was discontinued in 1857. Half cents to the amount of $39,926.11 were coined from 1793 to 1857.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1924.

Mr. T. Sonsteness,
Niagara, North Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 30 this Bureau has taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, the Value of Foreign Coins circular, the circular covering information relative to coins and price list of medals, copy of the coinage laws, proceedings of the Assay Commission, and a copy of pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World."

The "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals" is for sale at the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy. The "General Instructions and Regulations covering activities of the Mints and Assay Offices" is not for distribution. This publication is issued merely for the use of the employees of the Mints and Assay Offices. The "Guide to the Numismatic Collection" is for sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and a letter should be addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, for a copy of that pamphlet. The edition of "Rules and Tables for Compiling Bullion Values" is out of print and we have no copies for distribution.

With reference to your request for a list of publications, there are no others compiled by the Mint Service than those enumerated in your letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1924.

Mr. H. Gusche,

Mammoth Spring, Arkansas.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1924.

Mr. A. Scrivner,
402 Deaderick St.,
Nashville, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 29 please be advised that it is not unlawful to convert coins of the United States into jewelry. The law prohibits the mutilation or debasement of coins with the intent to place them in circulation as lawful money.

Coins of the United States in the hands of an individual are his sole property and are not "owned" by the Government.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia has requested that he be furnished with the date of the endorsement on check #17027, symbol #15087, of December 29, 1923, for $18.75 in favor of Strawbridge and Clothier, together with the name of the bank in which the check was deposited. This office has been advised that the check was paid in January, 1924, and forwarded to the General Accounting Office.

This Bureau will very greatly appreciate it if you will give us the desired information.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am transmitting herewith for your files contracts entered into by the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, for supplies and services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925. Bonds accompany the contracts in the cases indicated below, and the contracts have been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury:

National District Telegraph Company . .	No bond required
Drew Down Towel Service Company . . .	" " "
U.S. Foil Company	" " "
E. B. Newman	" " "
J. T. Baker Chemical Company	With bond
Standard Oil Company	" "
Ice Service Company	" "
R. McKellar's Sons Company	" "
Kalbfleisch Corporation	" "
Premier Window Cleaning Company . . .	" "

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1924.

General Supply Committee,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau whether or not the monthly reports from the field institutions submitted on General Supply Committee forms Nos. 10 and 11 have been discontinued. Form No. 10 covers "Open Market Purchases" and form No. 11 "General Supply Committee Contract Purchases".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1924.

Mr. Chris. C. Shamblin,
3510 Erie Avenue,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 3 please be advised that the Department has no record of having received the ore referred to by you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5 , 1924.

Mrs. Dewey Thiele,
104 West 38th St.,
Austin, Texas.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of July 31 please be advised that the Government purchases gold in the form of bullion when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Small quantities are not purchased.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reed,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1924.

Mr. W. C. Pryor,
Route 3, Box 248,
Chehalis, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 28 please be advised that the pieces you describe are token pieces, many of which were issued by private parties during the period of the Civil War. They are not coins of the United States and are of no value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1924.

Mr. D. S. Hines,
R. F. D. No. 4,
Salem, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning the imprints of the piece you describe in your letter of August 4 and have to advise you that the same is a token piece, many of which were issued by private parties during the period of the Civil War. They are not coins of the United States and are of no value.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1924.

Mr. D. P. Cottrell,
620 W. 122nd Street,
Apartment 46,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of August 5 requesting permission to visit the United States Assay Office, New York City, has been received.

For the purpose of more closely guarding the large amount of coin and bullion on hand, all of the Mints and Assay Offices have been closed to visitors. I feel sure you will appreciate the urgent need of the precaution now being taken and the position of the Department in its efforts to adhere impartially to the decision to close the Mints and Assay Offices to visitors for the present.

Respectfully,

N. Mo'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1924.

Mr. J. W. Darrah, Cashier,
Farmers National Bank,
Fayetteville, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 4 please be advised that the Act of March 14, 1900, establishing the gold standard for the United States fixed the number of grains of standard gold (.900 pure) at 25.8 grains. This is the equivalent of 23.22 grains of pure gold, or gold 1000 fine. If 23.22 grains of pure gold are worth $1.00 according to our law, 480 grains or one ounce are worth $20.67.

With reference to foreign coins, if you will take the number of grains of pure gold in the sovereign for instance 113, you will find that it will be shown to be worth 23.22 grains per dollar, $4.8665. In this way the value of gold is fixed by our law at $20.67 per ounce where it is handled by us.

There is nothing in the law to prohibit the owner of gold from selling it at a premium, but $20.67 is the par value of an ounce of gold.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Under date of July 30 this Bureau requested copies of letters of administration issued to Miss Edith G. Prosch, the original of which it is understood is on file in your office. It is desired to obtain a copy of the letters of administration to be used in connection with renewal of lease executed by Miss Prosch as administratrix on building now occupied by the United States Assay Office at Seattle. In order that we may secure approval of this renewal the Bureau will appreciate the receipt of the copies at an early date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1924.

Hon. R. J. Grant
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Everything all right in Bureau All well

M. M. O'Reilly

OR

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

August 8, 1924.

Mr. H. W. Kent, Secretary,
The Metropolitan Museum of Art,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of August 6 addressed to the Director of the Mint, Philadelphia, has been referred to his office in Washington.

I regret that we are unable to extend permission to have the Walloon coin photographed. It would be against the law to photograph the coin for the purpose you indicate. I would refer you to Section 171 of the Penal Code of the United States, copy of which is enclosed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1924.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chaffin:

Upon receipt of this letter will you please telephone the Bureau and advise what plans you are making with reference to the coinage of silver dollars. I suggest this mode of communication as a telephone call instituted here is a charge against the Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1924.

Miss Ethel M. Viand,
Blue Ridge Poultry Farm,
Blue Ridge, Seford County, Va.

Madam:

I am returning under separate cover the sample of ore forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1924.

Mr. Geo. Ombler,

Gallagher, West Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded with your letter of August 5 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. A visual examination of the material, however, indicates that it is of no commercial value. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1924.

Mr. J. B. Swift,

Marvell, Arkansas.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1924.

Mr. Charles Moore, Chairman,
Commission of Fine Arts,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am forwarding photographs of the obverse and reverse of the Stone Mountain coin received this day from New York. The photographs are forwarded to you for consideration as to the merits of the designs for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1921.

Mr. G. L. Delgado,
The Mutual Motor and Carriage Company, Ltd.,
1 East Parade,
Kingston, Jamaica.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 31 enclosing photograph of octagonal fifty dollar gold piece, please be advised that shortly after the discovery of gold in California and prior to the establishment of the Mint at San Francisco the coining of gold was extensively carried on by a large number of mining companies and banking establishments.

I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society regarding this piece, as the Government does not pass upon the numismatic value of coins. Address American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City. It is understood these pieces are sold at a premium.

I am returning the photograph herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1924.

Mr. F. A. Hamilton,
R.F.D. No -
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 7 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M M Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1924.

Mr. Walter D. Reese,
212 Cypress Ave.,
Woodlynne, New Jersey.

Sir:

Your letter of July 23 relative to certificate of deposit No. 0961, dated August 20, 1855, issued by the San Francisco Mint, has been referred to that institution and the Superintendent advises this Bureau that to date no record has been found of this deposit. I would suggest that a photostat copy of the certificate of deposit might aid in searching the old records of the San Francisco Mint. If you desire to forward a photostat to this office it will be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1924.

Dr. E. R. Hart,
419 Liberty Central Trust Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 6 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, or the United States Mints at Denver, Colorado, and Philadelphia, Pa., accept gold dental scrap when presented in sufficient quantities to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Smaller deposits are not acceptable. The gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, after charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes. No allowance is made for platinum contained in such deposits.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1924.

Mr. Kenneth Lake,

La Paloma, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 2 please be advised that no Liberty head nickels were coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1924.

Mr. Ben Karrow,
36 Main Street,
Flemington, N.J.

Sir:

Your inquiry of July 29 has been received by reference from the Division of Internal Revenue.

To clean your gold coin all that is necessary is to heat it at a dull red heat for a few minutes. This will volatize the mercury but cause the coin to blacken. Rubbing with moist sea sand, applied with the fingers will then restore its original lustre, or it may be brightened by immersion in dilute nitric Acid for a few minutes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Q. Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1924.

Hon. James O'Connor,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of August 6 addressed to Hon. Robert J. Grant, Director of the Mint, has been received. Mr. Grant is in the West and will not return to the city for some days. I am, therefore, responding for him, and am enclosing a copy of a statement contained in the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1910 regarding the suspension of coinage operations at the Mint in New Orleans.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1924.

The Solicitor of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments),
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith the following contracts entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, for examination as to legal sufficiency in form and execution. A bond accompanies each contract:

The Pilgrim Laundry Company
John McKee
John R. Rowland
Standard Ice Manufacturing Co.
Sun Oil Company
Paul S. Reeves & Co.

Respectfully,

M. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of August 5 relative to endorsement on check No. 17027, symbol No. 15087, will you please advise this Bureau when we may expect to receive the information requested.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1924.

The Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia advises this Bureau that his institution is in need of 50 yards each of Civil War and Spanish Campaign ribbon, for use in the manufacture of badges sold by the Mint. The Superintendent states that this ribbon is in stock at the Quartermaster's Depot in Philadelphia and that the price is 38¢ per yard plus 4% for packing and shipping, or a total of $39.52. The Superintendent further states that the ribbon can be purchased in the open market at a total cost of $37.50.

Before authorizing the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to purchase this ribbon in the open market this Bureau would appreciate your advice in the matter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1924.

Mr. Charles Oliver Ohlson,
206 Bidwell Avenue,
Jersey City, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 11 please be advised that the piece you describe is known as a "token", many of which were issued by private parties during the Civil War period. These pieces are not coins of the United States and are of no value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1924.

Miss Beulah Grace Hood,
R.F.D. No. 1,
Oregon, Missouri.

Madam:

I am returning the material forwarded with your letter of August 7 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. A visual examination of the material indicates that it contains pyrites (fool's gold) and is of no value.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 12, 1924.

Dr. J. S. Parent,

Galway, New York.

Sir:

I am returning the material forwarded with your letter of August 8 and have to advise that the same is a fine specimen of quartz crystals but of no value, except possibly as specimens for mineral collections.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1924.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please refer to your letter of July 17 returning without approval the lease executed June 22, 1924 by Edith G. Prosch, Administratrix of the estate of Thomas W. Prosch, deceased, covering the premises occupied by the United States Assay Office, Seattle, for the reason that no evidence was furnished of her appointment as administratrix and of her authority as such to execute the lease.

Photostat copies of letters of administration have been secured from the files of the General Accounting Office and are enclosed, together with lease executed by Edith G. Prosch which is returned for examination and approval. Will you kindly return the photostat copies to this Bureau in order that they may be returned to the General Accounting Office.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1924.

Hon. James A. Wetmore,
Surveyor General of Real Estate,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am submitting renewal lease covering the premises now occupied by the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, for the period July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, at an annual rental of $2,100, with request for the clearance of the lease for these premises. No other property suitable for the purposes of the United States Assay Office is obtainable at the rental asked for this property.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1924.

Miss Harriet Field,
41 Angell Street,
Providence, R. I.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 12 please be advised that the Harding medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00 each plus postage (about 15 cents). Application for the medals should be made to the Superintendent of the above institution.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1924.

Miss Elizabeth W. McClure,
601 Mahantongo Street,
Pottsville, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 11 please be advised that the paper money and the State bank notes you describe have no particular value except as curios. The piece you describe is a medal which was issued for the Pennsylvania State Fair. This piece was not issued by the Government.

It is barely possible that collectors might like to have one or more of your pieces and I suggest that you address an inquiry to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th St., New York City. We do not publish a list of values of coins or paper money, and we have no knowledge of what collectors pay for them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1924.

Mr. Charles J. Metz,
Audit Company of the South,
Candler Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 13 relative to designs for the Stone Mountain coin, please be advised that the models submitted are now before the Fine Arts Commission. The Department will not pass upon the designs of the coin until they are approved by the Commission. I understand Mr. Randolph, President of the Association is fully advised of the status.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1924.

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Superintn
Hon. R. J. Grant
United States Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Revised set photographs Stone Mountain coin now before fine arts commission Polish Minister yesterday promised dies for Polish coins in day or two Philadelphia on eagles dollars and cents Preparing estimates for your review

M. M. O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

August 15, 1924.

Mr. R. J. Wendt,
2437 Homer Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 12 please be advised that a $2.50 gold piece may be obtained from the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., at face value plus cost of postage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1924.

Mr. Harvey O. Bickel,
110 East Lexington Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 14 please be advised that the Stone Mountain Memorial coins, when ready, will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia. The coins will not be distributed by the Treasury Department. The design for this coin has not yet reached the Treasury Department for approval.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1924.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Interior Department Building,
(Through Chief, Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I am enclosing contract and bond of the O. F. Zurn Company and E. F. Houghton & Co. for furnishing the Philadelphia Min with oils during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, for examination as to legal sufficiency in form and execution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1924.

Mr. Donald Philipp,
2428 S. 12th Street,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that $50.00 gold pieces were coined for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition and were sold for twice their face value by the Exposition company. Before the establishment of the Mint at San Francisco some $50.00 gold pieces were privately issued, and it is understood they are held at a premium by coin dealers. The Government, however, does not pay a premium on any issue of coins and does not pass on their value. I would suggest that you write the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1924.

Mr. Edgar Weininger,
c/o American Red Cross, G.H.S.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am returning $1.00 enclosed with your letter of August 17, and have to advise that the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 plus postage.

I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the last Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1924.

Dr. T. K. Means,

Geneva, New York.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the dental scrap forwarded by you and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government. The United States Assay Office at 32 Wall Street, New York City, receives dental scrap deposits when there is sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Charges are made for fitting the material for coinage purposes. No allowance is made for platinum contained in such deposits.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1924.

The Director of the Imperial Mint,

Osaka, Japan.

Sir:

In response to your request of July 29 this office takes pleasure in forwarding a copy of the laws relating to the marking of precious metals in interstate commerce.

Assuring you that it will be a pleasure for this Bureau to serve you at any time, I am,

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1924.

Mr. Walter D. Reese,
212 Cypress Avenue,
Woodlynne, New Jersey.

Sir:

With further reference to your letter of July 23 please be advised that the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco reports that the paying clerk's record of gold warrants paid shows that warrant No. 6961, dated August 20, 1855, was paid September 1, 1855, in the sum of $2,035.05. The Superintendent states the paper in your possession is evidently a memorandum of the deposit, giving the fineness, charges, and amount due the depositor.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1924.

Mr. Howard Walter,
31 Moselle St.,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 16 please be advised that the design for the Stone Mountain memorail coin has not as yet been accepted by the Treasury Department, hence it will be several weeks before the coin is issued.

When ready for distribution the coins will be placed on sale by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia. The coins will not be distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M. W. Wheldy

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1924.

Mr. Clyde H. Fuller, Vice-President,
First Wisconsin Trust Company,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Your letter of July 30, 1924, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau. With reference to obtaining photographs of the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York, and the United States Mint at Philadelphia, I would suggest that you write to the Superintendents of the respective institutions, as they may be able to advise you where the photographs can be obtained. There are no photographs of these institutions in this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing for your files lease covering the premises occupied by the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, which has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1924.

Mr. Charles J. Bodine,
Hillside House,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 15 please be advised that the Stone Mountain memorial coin, when ready, will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia. The Treasury Department will not distribute this coin. It is customary to place memorial coins on sale at a premium, the fifty-cent piece usually selling for $1.00, to help defray the cost of the event for which it is issued.

The design for this coin has not as yet been placed before the Treasury for approval. It will, therefore, be several weeks before the coin is issued.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

E-D

August 18, 1924

Survey of Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of July, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold - 90,088.826 oz.
Unrefined domestic silver - 99,984.06 oz.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

August 18, 1924

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of July, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined bullion	-	99,984.06 oz.
Foreign " "	-	175,556.28 "
Foreign silver coin	-	1,627.82 "

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1924.

Mr. R. G. Brown,
Route 1, Box 87,
Lamar, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 12 please be advised that gold coins of the United States are redeemed at face value, when not abraded below the legal limit, by the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C. If, however, the coin is so badly abraded as to be difficult of identification it is probable it could not be redeemed at face value but only at its bullion value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1924.

Hon. C. W. Ramseyer,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Ramseyer:

This Bureau is in receipt of your reference to letter of Mr. J. S. Nichols, Adjutant of Phil Kearney Post No. 40, Department of Iowa, G.A.R., Oskaloosa, Iowa, dated July 10, 1924, asking for information relative to the issue of the Stone Mountain memorial coin, authorized by Act approved March 17, 1924. A copy of the Act is enclosed.

The designs for this coin have been prepared by the artist selected by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association. The models are now before the Fine Arts Commission, and before the designs are submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for approval they must be passed upon favorably by that body. The Department has not yet approved the design submitted.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1924.

Mr. A. Auchly,
921 Haskell Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 16 please be advised that the price of gold is fixed at $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1924.

Mr. Edward C. Glover,
3405 Clarendon Rd.,
Flatbush, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

In response to your request of August 18 we are sending a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World". No recent edition of this pamphlet has been prepared.

When foreign gold coin is received at the United States Assay Office at New York it is melted and assayed to determine its exact value and paid for as bullion.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1924.

Mr. J. T. Theodore,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Responding to your request of August 11 I am quoting below the letter addressed by the Director of the Mint on September 8, 1916, to Hon. W. L. Jones, United States Senator:

"September 8, 1916.

My dear Senator:

In reply to your letter of September 6th, referring to the two small pieces of metal submitted to this office for analysis, the metal in question being the result of an experiment in transmutation by Mrs. May Barnard Wiltse, I beg to advise you that in accordance with your request I have had these metals analyzed and the Assayer of this Department has made to me the following report:-

"The two small pellets of metal submitted by Senator Jones showed .19 mg. of gold."

Sincerely yours,

(signed) F.J.H von Engelken
Director of the Mint."

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1924.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Interior Department Building,
(Through Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith contracts entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, with the first listed below for furnishing supplies and service for the fiscal year 1925. The contracts are transmitted for examination as to legal sufficiency in form and execution. A bond accompanies the contract of the General Chemical Company.

The Hamilton Towel Supply Company
Western Iron Foundry Company
S. L. Threadgill
General Chemical Company

Respectfully,

M M Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1924.

Mr. E. H. Brown,

Madrid, Iowa.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the chain forwarded by you and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government. The United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases jewelry scrap when deposits are made in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Smaller deposits are not accepted.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1924.

Mr. Gutzon Borglum,
Stamford, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Borglum:

I have your letter of August 20 from Stamford. Thank you for sending the small photographs.

The photographs forwarded by your photographer to the Secretary of the Treasury were immediately transmitted by this Bureau to the Fine Arts Commission. I am today advised by Mr. Cammerer, the Secretary of the Commission, that the photographs were forwarded to Mr. Fraser, the sculptor member of the Commission, whom you know. The Commission has not yet heard from Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Cammerer suggested that you might deem it advisable to get in communication with him.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

R-D

August 21, 1924.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,
The World Almanac,
New York City.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of August 19th I am enclosing herewith a statement of the coinage of the United States Mints during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:

F-D

August 21, 1924.

Mr. E. Clarke Fowler,
Philadelphia News Bureau,
Independence Square, East,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of August 20th, there will be forwarded you under separate cover, copy of the last annual report of the Director of the Mint containing the information requested by you concerning world's gold monetary stock, pages 226 to 229; world's production of gold, pages 234 and 236; United States production of gold, page 40.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1924.

Mr. James E. Clark,
Editor, American Bankers Association Journal,
110 West 42nd Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Clark:

I have your letter of the 15th. Will it be possible for you to instruct your representative in Washington to call at this office? I shall be glad to give him all possible details in regard to the subject matter of your letter. I venture to suggest we might get up a better story this way than if I were to undertake to write it.

Very truly yours,

M M O'Reilly

August 22, 1924.

Mr. P. Locks,
c/o Waldman,
633 West Oxford Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of August 20 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

For the purpose of more closely guarding the large amount of coin and bullion on hand, all of the Mints and Assay Offices have been closed to visitors. This Bureau would like to accede to your request and direct the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to admit your party, but the Department deems it inadvisable to make an exception. I feel sure you will appreciate the urgent need of the precaution now being taken and the position of the Department in its efforts to adhere impartially to the decision to close the Mints to visitors for the present.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1924.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,
The World Almanac,
New York City.

Sir:

Complying with the notation attached to letter of this Bureau of August 21 this office takes pleasure in enclosing a statement of the coinage of the United States during the calendar year 1923.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1924.

Mr. George Reiter,
R. R. No. 9,
Hamilton, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 18 please be advised that the piece you describe is a five-dollar gold piece of an early issue. It is understood that coin dealers pay a premium for this coin. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City. The Government, of course, pays no premium for any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M D O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1924.

Miss Dorothy Bemis, Librarian,
Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia,
925 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of August 22, this Bureau takes pleasure in forwarding a copy of the coinage statement for the fiscal year 1923.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1924.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the contract of the Metropolitan Laundry Company with the United States Mint, San Francisco, California, for laundry service during the current fiscal year. The contract has been changed to conform to the suggestions contained in your letter of July 31, 1924 with reference to the nature of the service to be rendered under the contract.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1924.

Mr. D. K. Gilbert,
320 W. Third Street,
Nescopeck, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 19 please be advised that the first coinage was struck in 1793 when gold pieces were issued. The first pieces coined were eagles.

The Government does not purchase old coin.

For information concerning coin dealers and collectors I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1924.

Mr. H. B. Moore,
Columbia University,
University Extension,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 19 please be advised that the quarter eagle is a current coin. None have been manufactured in recent years for the reason that there is practically no demand for them, but they can be obtained by applying to the Treasurer of the United States.

The coinage of gold is free. Any owner of gold may take it to the Mint or Assay Office and receive in return an equivalent value in the form of fine bars or payment at the rate of $20.67 for gold 1000 fine. Charges are imposed by the Mint for preparing the gold for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1924.

Fanus & Company,

Fairmont, West Virginia.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt today of a package forwarded by you containing jewelry scrap. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government I have today sent the same to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and the Superintendent of that institution will communicate with you directly regarding the same. Express charges will be deducted from the value of your deposit.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1924.

Mr. John L. Thompson,
1211 Wabash Avenue,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for othermetals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1924.

Mr. John E. Lynch,
P. O. Box 2480,
St. Petersburg, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 23 please be advised that the character at the bottom of the piece you describe is 10 D, meaning ten dollars, and not 10 C. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, but it is probable that coin dealers hold these pieces at a premium. I would suggest that you consult the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

August 25, 1924.

Mr. E. J. Wagor,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your voucher for reimbursement of travelling expenses while enroute and on annual settlement at the San Francisco Mint with request that the day and hour of departure from and arrival at New York be indicated thereon. Days taken at own expense should also be definitely indicated by notation on voucher.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc:

F-D

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Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enc:

August 25, 1924.

Mr. J. Jones, Manager,
Aetna Casualty & Surety Company,
826 Woodward Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 22 please be advised that the bond of Mr. Harry L. Hastings, clerk in the United States Mint, San Francisco, formerly carried in the penalty of $10,000, was reduced to $5,000 for the reason that $10,000 was considered an excessive bond to require of Mr. Hastings.

Respectfully,

D M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1924.

Mr. L. A. Shutt,
Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 22 please be advised that the gross weights of the coins of the United States are as follows:

Double Eagles	516 grains
Eagles	258 "
Half eagles	129 "
Quarter eagles.	64.5 "
Standard silver dollar. . . .	412.5 "
Half dollar	192.9 "
Quarter dollar.	96.45"
Dime	38.58"
Five cents	77.16"
One cent.	48 "

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

The Underwood Typewriter Company, August 26, 1924.

Washington, D.C.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota.

Underwood Typewriter, 12-inch carriage, elite

type 1

(Underwood machine No. 268046 to be exchanged by the Deadwood Assay Office for above machine, an allowance of $32.50 to be made for the exchange)

Transportation charges on the new machine and return of old machine to be met by the Underwood Typewriter Company.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1924.

Mr. John Parke Young,
Commission of Gold and Silver Inquiry,
221 Commerce Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 25 I take pleasure in quoting below the average monthly New York price of fine bar silver for the months indicated:

1923

July	$0.63383
August	.63176
September	.64529
October	.63928
November	.64122
December	.65035

1924

January	.63781
February	.64652
March	.64293
April	.64403
May	.65860
June	.67045
July	.67497

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1924.

Mr. Grant B. Shipley,
Century Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 26, please be advised that the copper and nickel used in the nickel coins are purchased by the Mints in the open market on competitive bids. In an emergency and very occasionally manufactured blanks are purchased, but the stamping is done at the Mint. The present system is to assemble the metals, manufacture the alloy and do the coining at the Mint. The quantity of metal purchased varies according to the demand for the coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1924.

Mr. Matt. J. Holt,
701 Realty Building,
Louisville, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 25th please be advised that the Mints discontinued making proof coins several years ago.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1924.

Mr. John W. Odlin,
Printers Building,
Worcester, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of August 26, together with $2.00 enclosed, has been forwarded to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. Please forward to that officer postage in the sum of 24 cents to cover the cost of shipping the medals.

The Coolidge medal is one of a series of Presidential medals and is distinct from the inaugural medal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1924.

The Solicitor of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments),
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith contract entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, with the Bell Coal Company of that city, for examination as to its legal sufficiency in form and execution. A bond accompanies the contract.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1924.

Mr. Edgar Weininger,
c/o American Red Cross, G.H.I,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 26 I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint, which will be issued some time in November.

The Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals was last edited in 1914. It may interest you to know that the collection is not at the National Museum, Washington.

A copy of the last Report of the Director of the Mint will be forwarded to you through the Government Printing Office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

August 27, 1924.

Glass Products Company,
Vineland, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of August 20th, addressed to the Treasury Department Disbursing Clerk, I am enclosing herewith public voucher for pipettes to a value of $2.10 furnished this office under our order of June 5, 1924. Kindly certify the voucher at the place marked with a cross on the margin and return to this office when it will be placed in line for early settlement.

The letter was referred to the Bureau of Supply for consideration of the other item contained therein.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 28, 1924.

Hon. C. H. Brand,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Brand:

Replying to your letter of August 26 written in the interest of a constituent who has lost a McKinley gold dollar, please be advised that the Treasury has none of these coins. It might be possible for you to obtain one from the McKinley Memorial Association, Niles, Ohio. That Association distributed the coins when they were minted. If you are not able to secure one through the Association I would suggest you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street. This organization is in touch with coin dealers and may be able to locate a piece for you.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1924.

Mr. John J. Kingsley,
244 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded with your letter of August 26 for assay. A visual examination discloses that the sand contains no precious metals and is of no commercial value.

The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1924.

Mr. C. C. Dargue,

Kittanning, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of August 27 please be advised that silver dollars of the current design, which is the so-called "Peace" dollar were coined in 1923 to the amount of $56,631,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1924.

Hon. R. J. Grant
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Arranged for Monday morning Glad your headed home All well

M. M. O'Reilly

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

August 29, 1924.

Hampshire County Trust Company,
Northampton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your order of August 28 for 20 Stone Mountain Memorial coins, which we return herewith, your attention is invited to our letter to you of June 11, 1924, wherein it is stated that these coins when ready will not be distributed by the Treasury Department, but by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

The design for this memorial coinage has not yet been submitted to the Secretary for approval. It will be some time, therefore, before the coins are turned over to the Association referred to above. Application for the coins, however, should be made to the Association and not to the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1924.

Mr. Ernest Russell,
915 Park Building,
Worcester, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 27, 1924, please be advised that it is not known that any particular Indian posed for the portrait on the so-called "Buffalo" nickel. Mr. James E. Fraser, 3 MacDougal Alley, New York City, designed the coin and would be able to advise you in the matter.

Respectfully,

Jno. R. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1924.

Mr. O. J. de Gaetano,
Engineering Department,
N.Y Edison Company,
44 E. 23rd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 26 please be advised that the Act of January 18, 1837 made the gold dollar the unit of value and prescribed that it should contain 23.2 grains of fine gold. When we estimate the value of a foreign coin we estimate it upon the basis of the content of fine gold at $1.00 for every 23.2 grains.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1924.

Miss Cornelia Burnley Bainbridge,
Editor Pow-Wow,
Charlottesville, Va.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 27, 1924, please be advised that it is not known that any particular Indian posed for the portrait on the so-called "Buffalo" nickel. Mr. James E. Fraser, 3 MacDougal Alley, New York City, designed the coin and would be able to advise you in the matter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1924.

Mrs. Claude James,

Fort Meade, Florida.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 25 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases melted silver coins, paying for the same at the rate determined from time to time by the Director of the Mint for silver contained in gold deposits. Coins that have been melted are worth only their bullion value.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

August 29, 1924.

The American Metal Co.,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your attention is invited to that portion of the regulations dated May 4, 1923, covering purchase by the Director of the Mint of silver under terms of the Pittman Act, which requires that deliveries to the mints upon all accepted tenders must be made on or before October 1, 1924. Accordingly no deliveries of silver on tenders heretofore accepted may be made at the mints after October 1, 1924, approximately one month hence.

Please advise at an early date when you expect to complete your deliveries. Abstracts from your books of account should be filed at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

August 29, 1924.

Bonanza Milling Co.,
Tombstone, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Your attention is invited to that portion of the regulations dated May 4, 1923, covering purchase by the Director of the Mint of silver under terms of the Pittman Act, which requires that deliveries to the mints upon all accepted tenders must be made on or before October 1, 1924. Accordingly no deliveries of silver on tenders heretofore accepted may be made at the mints after October 1, 1924, approximately one month hence.

The latest abstract from your books of account received in this office covered the period ending November 30, 1923. Please forward abstracts covering the subsequent period until final deliveries are made.

At the end of June, 1924, there was an undelivered balance from you of 1,013 ounces. Please advise at an early date whether you expect to deliver this quantity. All deliveries as heretofore should be supported by abstract from books of account sent to this office and by the usual affidavits evidencing domestic production and reduction.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

August 29, 1924.

Tintic Standard Mining Co.,
422 Judge Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Your attention is invited to that portion of the regulations dated May 4, 1923, covering purchase by the Director of the Mint of silver under terms of the Pittman Act, which requires that deliveries to the mints upon all accepted tenders must be made on or before October 1, 1924. Accordingly no deliveries of silver on tenders heretofore accepted may be made at the mints after October 1, 1924, approximately one month hence.

The last delivery received from you was in December, 1923, (unless there has been a delivery during the current month). Your letter of January 17, 1924, stated that there would be no further offering of Pittman silver for your account until a revised statement to conform to your deliveries and recoveries was forwarded. To date this statement has not reached this office.

Will you please advise at an early date whether you contemplate making any further deliveries of accepted tenders? If so, the usual abstract from books should be filed with this office prior to making any deliveries and when deliveries are authorized they should be accompanied by the usual affidavits evidencing domestic production and reduction.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.D

August 29, 1924.

Tintic Milling Co.,
Provo, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Your attention is invited to that portion of the regulations dated May 4, 1923, covering purchase by the Director of the Mint of silver under terms of the Pittman Act, which requires that deliveries to the mints upon all accepted tenders must be made on or before October 1, 1924. Accordingly no deliveries of silver on tenders heretofore accepted may be made at the mints after October 1, 1924, approximately one month hence.

The last delivery received from you (unless there has been a delivery during the current month) was in February, 1924. The last abstract from books of account received from you cover your operations to the end of March, 1924.

Please advise at an early date whether you contemplate making any further deliveries. If so the usual sworn abstract from your books of account should be furnished for the files of this office and the usual affidavits evidencing domestic production and reduction should be furnished with the silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

August 29, 1924.

Frank Margrave, Receiver,
Nevada Packard Mines Co.,
Lower Rochester, Nevada.

Sir:

Your attention is invited to that portion of the regulations dated May 4, 1923, covering purchase by the Director of the Mint of silver under terms of the Pittman Act, which requires that deliveries to the mints upon all accepted tenders must be made on or before October 1, 1924. Accordingly no deliveries of silver on tenders heretofore accepted may be made at the mints after October 1, 1924, approximately one month hence.

The last delivery received from you was in July, 1923, (unless there has been a delivery during August, 1924). It is noted from your letter of January 15, 1924, that you contemplated delivery of the balance of 1,015 ounces.

The affidavits received from you February 12, 1924, purporting to show your operations for the months of May and June, 1923, are inconsistent in that, by using the balance shown by prior affidavit to have been on hand at the end of April, 1923, adding receipts and deducting shipments and losses, the balance at the end of the period appears to be materially larger than the balance shown by you. If you expect to make delivery of the 1,015 ounces it will be necessary that consistent affidavits be previously filed in this office.

If further deliveries are made of silver to the mint they must be supported by the usual affidavits evidencing domestic production and reduction.

Please advise at an early date as to your purpose concerning the undelivered balance of 1,015 ounces.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

August 29, 1924.

Mr. Henry B. Kervin,
Silver City, Nevada.

Sir:

Your attention is invited to that portion of the regulations dated May 4, 1923, covering purchase by the Director of the Mint of silver under terms of the Pittman Act, which requires that deliveries to the mints upon all accepted tenders must be made on or before October 1, 1924. Accordingly no deliveries of silver on tenders heretofore accepted may be made at the mints after October 1, 1924, approximately one month hence.

The last delivery received from you (unless there has been a delivery during the current month) was in November, 1923. If you contemplate making any further deliveries of silver under the accepted tenders it will be necessary that you first file with this office sworn abstract from your books of account showing your operations since September, 1923.

Please advise at an early date as to your purpose concerning the undelivered balance of the accepted tenders.

Respectfully,

M. W. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

August 29, 1924.

E. M. Fuqua,
Tonopah, Nevada.

Sir:

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The last divery received from you was in July or August, 1923, (unls there has been a delivery during the current month). t is noted from your abstract from books for the peril ended July 31, 1923, thatat the end of July you had onand some 12,000 ounces silver, only about one third ofyour tenders having been delivered.

Please advse me at an early date whether you anticipate making ny further deliveries of silver on the accepted tenders. If so, of course it will be necessary that abstract frombooks be rendered this office as heretofore required an that deliveries of silver be supported by the usual affidvits evidencing domestic production and reduction.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 29, 1924.

Arizona Silver Mines Co.,
420 Forum Building,
Sacramento, Calif.

Sir:

Your attention is invited to that portion of the regulations dated May 4, 1923, covering purchase by the Director of the Mint of silver under terms of the Pittman Act, which requires that deliveries to the mints upon all accepted tenders must be made on or before October 1, 1924. Accordingly no deliveries of silver on tenders heretofore accepted may be made at the mints after October 1, 1924, approximately one month hence.

The last delivery received from you (unless there has been a delivery during the current month) represented recovery from some concentrates shipped by you to the Internation Smelting Co. and arrived at the Philadelphia Mint February, 1924.

It is noted from your letter of July 15, 1924, that you were uncertain whether you could continue operations.

Will you please advise at an early date whether you contemplate making any further deliveries? If so, sworn abstract from books should be furnished this office as heretofore and the silver deliveries should be accompanied by the usual affidavits evidencing domestic production and reduction.

Respectfully,

John R. Baldwin

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

August 29, 1924.

St. Joseph Lead Co.,
60 Wall St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your attention is invited to that portion of the regulations dated May 4, 1923, covering purchase by the Director of the Mint of silver under terms of the Pittman Act, which requires that deliveries to the mints upon all accepted tenders must be made on or before October 1, 1924. Accordingly no deliveries of silver on tenders heretofore accepted may be made at the mints after October 1, 1924, approximately one month hence.

It is our understanding from affidavits accompanying your letters of July 16 and July 26, 1923, that of the total quantity of silver for future delivery to the Director of the Mint, 38,262. ounces, there remained undelivered on July 31, 1924 some 13,000 ounces. Please advise at an early date whether you contemplate making delivery of this silver. If so the deliveries should be accompanied by the usual affidavits evidencing domestic production and reduction and abstracts from your books of account showing the quantity recovered from the material containing the silver tendered, using the balance shown by the above mentioned affidavits as the starting point, should be filed with this office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1924.

Mr. Harold Unger,
9 St. James Place,
Brighton Beach, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 21 relative to a process for polishing coins, please be advised that the Government does not undertake to clean and polish circulated coins and would not be interested in the process to which you refer. The Government does not publish information regarding coinage processes.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1924.

Mr. E. H. Crumley,

Fort Ann, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 27 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore, at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1924.

Dr. Eleanor Beatty,

Pana, Illinois.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government does not pass upon the numismatic value of rare coins, and pays no premium for any issue of coins. I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156 Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1924.

Mr. H. A. Sylvester,
P. O. Box 52,
Joplin, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 25 please be advised that the Treasury Department and the Mints do not keep coins segregated by years. It may be that the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, can be of assistance to you in securing the coins desired.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1924.

Mr. R. E. Allen,

Hernando, Miss.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.D

August 30, 1924

Bureau of Supply,

Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

On August 28, 1924, this Bureau made requisition, no. 5016, to The Globe-Wernicke Co. for guide cards and folders. Will you please amend item 1458-d-2-gg . . . . . $10.75, to read 1458-d-2-hh. . . . . 10.16?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1924.

Mr. C. W. Handy, Vice President,
Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 2, the Bureau has taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1919 and 1923.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1924.

Mr. Edwin S. Hamberg,
1219 Oliver Street,
Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the ten cent piece enclosed with your letter of August 30 and have to advise that in the opinion of this Bureau the coin is genuine and is not a counterfeit piece. It apparently has been mutilated while in circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1924.

Mr. Edward Jones,
Hoffman House,
Saint Charles, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 1 please be advised that there were no liberty head nickels made in the year 1913. Five-cent pieces of the so-called Buffalo design were made in that year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1924.

Mr. W. H. Bacon,
18 Willard Street,
Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Sir:

I am returning the stamps forwarded with your card of August 30 and have to advise that the Mints do not keep coins segregated by years. The United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, coined one-cent pieces in 1922.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 4, 1924.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Interior Department Building,
(Through Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Enclosed are two contracts entered into by the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York with the New York Telephone Company for telephone service over lines John 2186 and John 4798-9. These contracts are submitted to you for examination as to legal sufficiency in form and execution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1924.

Mr. John T. Jordan,

Chalk Hill, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government pays no premium for any issue of coins, and does not pass upon the numismatic value of rare pieces. The coin you describe is probably a half-dime. The American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be of assistance to you in determining its numismatic value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1924.

Mr. H. E. Hall,
R. F. D. No. 2,
Knowlesville, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1924.

Mr. A. E. Casper,

Menan, Idaho.

Sir:

I am returning the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1924.

Mr. Clarence Griffin,

Spindale, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 30 please be advised that the operations of Mr. Bechtler at Rutherfordton, N.C., in issuing gold coins were of a private character. The mint established at Charlotte, N.C. in 1838 for the coinage of gold was a Government institution. The Charlotte mint suspended operation in 1861.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1924.

Mr. Leon Orlowski,
Secretary, Legation of Poland,
2640 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Orlowski:

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to comply with your request by placing one thousand coins in each bag when packing the Polish coinage now being executed at the Mint. It is understood that we are to place one thousand one-zloty pieces in a bag and one thousand two-zloty pieces in a bag. The Superintendent has further been instructed to use blue lettering on the bags.

In regard to the tolerance in weight of the coins, the Mint has agreed to undertake to weigh the two-zloty pieces to .005 grams of the weight of the piece, or .7716 grains. I understand you have cabled your Government in regard to the tolerance of the weight of the one-zloty piece, and in regard to the extra charge of fifty cents per thousand pieces should it be decided that the coins are to be weighed to the tolerance of .3858 grains.

Will you kindly confirm the above understand if it is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

F. Peters

Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1924.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

I have read with much interest your letter of September 3, and I will take pleasure in keeping you advised as to the progress made in regard to the design now under consideration for the Stone Mountain coin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 4, 1924.

Mr. W. A. Sellers,

Menan, Idaho.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1924.

Mr. Clarence Griffin,
Spindale, North Carolina.

Sir:

With further reference to your letter of August 30, and in addition to my letter of September 4, the following is submitted:-

Christopher and Augustus Bechtler established a mint at Rutherfordton, North Carolina, and privately issued gold pieces which went into circulation as coins. There was never a Government institution known as the "Bechtler Mint". I am unable to advise you as to the period of time covered by the operationsof the Bechtler Brothers.

The Mint at Charlotte was established as a coinage mint by the Act of March 3, 1835. It commenced the coinage of gold in 1838 and continued until operations were suspended in 1861. The Charlotte office was again opened as an Assay Office in 1867, and was maintained as such until June 30, 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1924.

J. O. Tobin,
Hibernia Bank,
San Francisco, California.

Gold coins not segregated by years in mint or treasury Suggest application American Numismatis Society Broadway at one hundred fifty sixth street New York

Grant

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

September 6, 1924.

Mr. J. O. Tobin,
Vice-President Hibernia Bank,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

This letter will confirm telegram of today as follows:

"Gold coins not segregated by years in mint or treasury. Suggest application American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York."

I regret that we have not been able to be of service to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1924.

Mrs. Thomas Hanlon,
601 So. 28th Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 3 I regret to advise you that the Mint does not issue a list of values of old coins and does not pass upon the numismatic merits of coins. For information relative to the numismatic value of the pieces I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1924.

Mrs. R. E. Allen,

Hernando, Mississippi.

Madam:

I am returning herewith your money order for $1.00 to cover the cost of assaying ore samples. As advised you in our letter of August 30 the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, makes assays of ore. There is no place in Washington where such work is done by the Government for the public.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1924.

Miss Gertrude Hatheway,
619 N. Ewing Ave.,
Dallas, Texas?

Madame:

Replying to your letter of September 4 please be advised that Section 171 of the Penal Code, Act approved March 4, 1909, prohibits the reproduction of coins in any form. It is not lawful, therefore, to reproduce coins in aluminum, paper or pasteboard.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1924.

Mrs. O. H. Shinn,
Box 831,
Cromwell, Oklahoma.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of September 4 please be advised that the letter "F" on the dime you describe indicates that the coin was made at the United States Mint, San Francisco. In the year 1887 the San Francisco mint manufactured $445,445.00 in ten-cent pieces. The total coinage of dimes from all mints in 1887 amounted to $1,573,838.90.

The Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins, and does not undertake to pass upon the value of rare coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1924.

Mr. W. E. Davis,
P. O. Box 127,
Milburn, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 4 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 for each other metal determined in the sample. A sufficient amount should be sent to insure a representative assay.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1924.

Mr. Geo. H. Milne, Vice President,
Simmons Company,
110 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 6 I regret to be obliged to return your check. The medals are distributed through the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, and the regulations require that a money order be forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint instead of a check. A sufficient amount should be sent to cover the cost of the medals, plus the postage, unless you direct the Superintendent to send them by express collect.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 8, 1924.

Mr. Harold Smith,

Richmond Hill, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 6 please be advised that the amount of gold acquired by the Government at the several mints during the fiscal year 1923 totaled $336,600,217.61.

The amount of money in circulation as of August 1, 1924, according to the Monthly Circulation Statement issued by the Treasurer of the United States, was $4,665,187,268.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 9, 1924.

Mr. Isaac Gans, Chairman,
Program Committee,
1032 Munitions Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Respectfully returned for the reason that Mr. Grant, to whom the card is addressed, is out of the city and will not return until after the Defense Test Parade and Demonstration.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 9, 1924.

Mr. Leon Orlowski, Second Secretary,
Polish Legation,
2640 Sixteenth Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Orlowski:

I take pleasure in enclosing a specimen of the Monroe coin which you expressed a desire to obtain.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1924.

Tintic Standard Mining Company,
Judge Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Your letter sixth received Our records show delivery December last in addition to quantities per your statement Pittman silver thirty six thousand five seventy seven point naught eight ounces If this is correct forward supplemental abstract from books and explain overdelivery If incorrect take up with Superintendent San Francisco Mint

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

September 10, 1924.

Mr. A. J. Brewer,

Oga, Arkansas.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that a visual examination indicates that it is calcareous marl (a carbonate of calcium), and contains no precious metals.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

September 10, 1924.

Mr. W. W. Wilson,
Clarksburg, W. Va.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Treasury Department, I have to advise that only 25 pieces of the $3 gold coins were struck during the calendar year 1874. The Treasury Department is without information as to the number of these that remain in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1924.

Mr. William Thompson,
Port Antonio,
Jamaica, British West Indias.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the clay forwarded with your letter of August 25 and have to advise that a visual examination indicates that it contains no silver or other precious metals, and is worthless.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by this Government.

Respectfully,

N. Mokelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1924.

Mr. H. C. Skillmore,

Bowen, Kentucky.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 for each other metal determined in the sample.

A visual examination of your material indicates that it is of no value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1924.

Mr. Charles Villoungi,
4th Street, Bayside,
Long Island, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 8 please be advised that the Treasury Department is not contemplating the issue of a token coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1924.

Mrs. R. E. Allen,

Hernando, Mississippi.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 9, and with further reference to your letters of August 30 and September 6, please be advised that this office has no record of having received the sample to which you refer. Should the rock specimen be received it will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1924.

Detroit Branch,
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago,
Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your registered package No. 90223, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, containing gold bullion. As there is no place in Washington where this material is accepted by the Government I have today forwarded the same to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, who will communicate with you directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1924.

Mr. E. C. Wickham,
348 Luck Ave., S.W.,
Roanoke, Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 for each other metal determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1924.

Mr. Leon Orlowski, Second Secretary,
Polish Legation,
2640 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Orlowski:-

At your request the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has prepared for delivery to you 25 two-zloty pieces, numbered from one to twenty-five consecutively, and two pieces without number. These are the first Polish coins struck at the United States Mint. These are the coins that were delivered to you at this office today. Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1924.

Mr. Julius Randon,
Apartado 174,
Merida, Yuc., Mexico.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 30 please be advised that I have today taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you, through the Superintendent of Documents, a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1924.

Lanson Manufacturing Company,
Peoples Bank Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 9 please be advised that the Act of April 23, 1918 authorized the coinage of silver dollars. The dollars authorized under this Act are now being coined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1924.

Mr. Harley F. Smart,
U.S.S. Altair,
c/o Post Master, San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 1 please be advised that the standard silver dollar consists of 900 parts silver and 100 parts copper alloy. The weight of the pure silver content is 371.25 grains; the total weight of the piece being 412.5 grains.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1924.

Miss Hattie Fitzhugh,
Box 11,
Cottondale, Forlida.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of September 9 please be advised that the sample of rock submitted by you proves to be micaceous rock and is of no value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1924.

Mr. Pete Neveras,
215 East Broad Street,
West Hazelton, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 10 please be advised that the Lincoln penny was first coined in 1909.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

F.D

September 13, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your certificate of settlement number C-14222-T dated August 15, 1924, of the account of Isaac H. Smith, Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York, symbol 15080, for the period October to December 1923, I have to advise as follows:

Voucher no. 119, John F. Barkley, for cartage, period October 1, 1923 to December 31, 1923, suspended because of the absence of the form of agreement or form of contract, we would state that the above named person conducted the only trucking company in the financial district in New York, having served the district for many years and having practically a monopoly of the trucking for the banks and financial houses. This man (and now his successors the Yarrington & Haff Auto Trucking Co.,) gave a prompt service that could not be obtained from trucking companies which operated in other parts of the city, and this prompt service obviated the payment of storage charges on piers and at railroad terminals which accrue after 24 hours. It is the practice to obtain his services on exigency verbal agreement as the circumstances arise.

The deposit of $710. to the appropriation, Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1923, was for the return of money paid to the Grasselli Chemical Company as deposit on acid carboys, which was remitted upon the return of the empty carboys.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1924.

Miss Blanche Woodman,
812 State Street, Apartment 7,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins and does not pass upon the numismatic value of rare coins. The American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be of assistance to you in determining the value of the coins in your possession.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

F-B

September 15, 1924.

Glass Products Co.,
Vineland, N. J.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 13th, please be advised that voucher has been approved for payment covering our order of June 5, 1924, $2.10, and you should receive disbursing officer's check in payment of same in course of a few days.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

F.D

September 15, 1924.

Survey of Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of August 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold. . . .92,131.929 oz.
Unrefined domestic silver. . 220,789.71 oz.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

F-D

September 15, 1924.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of August, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined bullion	- 220,789.71	fine oz.
Foreign " " " "	- 128,192.70	" "
Foreign silver coin	- 10,511.24	" "

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1924.

Mr. Tom Blodgett,
Hansen Community Club,
Hansen, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 10 in regard to the recovery of gold and platinum values from sand or clay, please be informed that the mints or Government assay offices are not equipped to recover gold and platinum or any other values from ore or sand of any kind.

The United States Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, will assay samples for gold, silver, copper, lead, and zinc, but is not equipped for platinum assays.

I would suggest that you take the matter up with the United States Bureau of Mines, Reno, Nevada, and they will either analize your samples or tell you where this work can be done.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1924.

Miss Lois M. Jordan,
Chief, Order Department,
Minneapolis Public Library,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Madame:

Replying to your letter of September 10 please be advised that the publication entitled "Catalogue of coins, tokens and medals in the numismatic collection of the Mint" is distributed by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. The volume is sold for $1.00 a copy. I regret that this office has no copies of this publication for gratuitous distribution.

It may be of interest to you to know that the numismatic collection covered by the publication above referred to has been transferred from the United States Mint at Philadelphia to the National Museum at Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

F-D

September 16, 1924.

Marsh & Mc Lennon,
80 Maiden Lane,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of three vouchers covering insurance premiums on shipments made from mints and assay offices during the month of August as per your letter of September 15th. The voucher for 49¢ covering shipment of quarters and dimes to branch federal reserve banks is being forwarded to the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants. as stated in our letter of August 4th, the cost of shipment of such coin is not payable through this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1924.

Mr. H. W. Dorsey, Chief Clerk,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Responding to your request of September 12, this Bureau takes pleasure in forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1919 and 1921 respectively, for transmission to the Director of the Royal Mint, Melbourne. It is understood that the Reports will be forwarded, by your courtesy, through the International Exchange Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1924.

Mr. A. C. Robinson, President,
Peoples Savings and Trust Company,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 15 please be advised that the series of Presidential medals is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia. These medals are sold for $1.00 each, in bronze, plus postage or express charges. Application for the medals should be made to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Pamphlet entitled "Information relating to United States coins and medals" is enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Night September 17, 1924.

Frank Margrave, Receiver,
Nevada Packard Mines Company,
Rochester, Nevada.

Your letter thirteenth received Cannot accept delivery silver in question in view all circumstances including your statement concerning abstracts from books

Grant
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

Night

September 17, 1924.

intic Milling Company,
Provo, Utah.

Do you expect to make any further deliveries silver under your Pittman Act
enders See letter this office August twenty nine

Grant

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

September 17, 1924.

Mr. Arthur H. Hagemeyer,
16 Lafayette Street,
White Plains, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 11 please be advised that the striking of proof coins by the mints was discontinued in October, 1916.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The following contracts, entered into by the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, are transmitted to your office for file. A bond accompanies each contract.

Bell Coal Company
O. F. Zurn Company
E. F. Houghton & Company

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find contract entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, San Francisco, with the Metropolitan Laundry Company, for laundry service during the current fiscal year. The contract has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1924.

Miss Miriam Brown,

Woodstock, Maryland.

Dear Miss Brown:

Replying to your letter of September 16 please be advised that the coinage mints of the United States are located in Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1924.

Miss Elizabeth Hasseltine, Reference Librarian,
Washington Square Library,
32 Waverly Place,
New York City.

Madame:

Replying to your card of September 16 please be advised that the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1924 will not be issued for several weeks. Your name is already on the mailing list to receive a copy of this Report when it is ready for distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1924.

Chief, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to circular letter of September 13, relative to copies of Certificates of Settlement issued by the General Accounting Office, I have to request that copies be sent to the Director of the Mint in order to insure proper handling.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1924.

Mr. Arthur Erickson, Assistant Cashier,
Bridgeport Bank,
Bridgeport, Nebraska.

Sir:

The pencil rubbing which was attached to your letter of September 6 is that of a $10.00 gold piece. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins and does not issue a list of premiums. It is probable, however, that a coin of this mintage, in good condition, will command a premium. I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1924.

The Bankers Publishing Company,
71-73 Murray Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher in the sum of $5.00, covering one year's renewal subscription, from July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925, to "The Bankers Magazine," with request that same be certified in place opposite check mark on margin and returned to this office when it will be immediately passed for payment.

Voucher to cover the above subscription was forwarded you under date of June 25, 1924, but was never returned.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 18, 1924.

Mrs. Clifton Gray Norman,
Extension Librarian,
University of South Carolina,
Columbia, S.C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 16 please be advised that the coin, pencil rubbing of which you enclose, is probably a $10.00 gold piece. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon their numismatic value. I would suggest that you communicate with the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1924.

Hon. Geo. A. Welsh,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Welsh:

I have your letter of September 16 written in behalf of Mr. Emmett McLeod. It will give me pleasure to retain Mr. McLeod in the public service if his services are satisfactory and he can obtain a civil service status, and in the event that we have employment beyond the period of his present assignment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1924.

Mr. F. M. Jaracz,

Gatzke, Minnesota.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1924.

Miss Lida Hafford, Director,
General Federation of Women's Club,
1734 N Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Madame:

Responding to your request of September 17 I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of circular giving information relative to coins and medals.

I have also requested the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, to forward to Mrs. Harriett B. Riggs, 334 East Locust Street, Watseka, Illinois, a copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint. These are the only publications covering operations of the Mint Service which we have at our disposal.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1924.

St. Joseph Lead Company,
60 Wall Street,
New York City.

Delivery Pittman Act silver to be made at Philadelphia mint as per your wire

Grant
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

September 19, 1924.

Mr. C. L. Bickford, Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 17 I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the report of coinage for the month of August, and have placed your name on the mailing list to receive this report monthly.

With reference to the Confederate Memorial half dollar, please be advised that a suitable design has not yet been submitted to the Department, and it will probably be several months before this coin is ready for distribution. When it is ready its distribution will be handled through the Confederate Memorial Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1924.

Mr. R. H. Leavitt, Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 16, which was addressed to the Treasurer of the United States and forwarded to this office for attention, please be advised that the set of medals of the Presidents, 29 in number, can be obtained from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. The medals may be sent express collect. The price of the medals is $1.00 each. Application should be made to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1924.

Mr. Irvin W. Masters,
P. O. Box 90,
Nyack, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 16 please be advised that the coinage of silver is on Government account only. When the stock of silver in the Treasury is depleted and it is necessary to purchase silver for subsidiary coinage, silver is purchased in the open market on competitive bids and paid for at the market rate the same as any other commodity. Silver contained in gold deposits made at the mint is paid for at the current price of silver on the day the deposit is received.

Any owner of gold can take the same to the mint and receive in exchange the value of the gold content at the fixed rate of $20.67 per fine ounce. Charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The mints are not required to receive deposits of gold less than $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

F-D

September 20, 1924.

Mr. E. H. Regensburger,
c/o Jacob & Scheidt,
Berlin NW. 7,
Dorotheen-Strasse 36.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your report "Der Edelmetallhandel im Jahre 1923," for which please accept my thanks.

My annual report for the fiscal year 1924 will be available for distribution in December next and I will take pleasure in having a copy forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1924.

Miss Jennie Kyle,
First and Mill Streets,
Madison, Indiana.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1924.

Mr. Leon Orlowski, Second Secretary,
Polish Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Orlowski:

This letter will confirm telephone conversation with you this morning relative to the proposed coinage of five-zlote pieces. It is understood that the coin is to weigh 25 grams, or 385.8 grains, tolerance .003 gram of weight, or 1.1574 grains. The coin is to be 750 fine in silver and 250 fine in copper, diameter 37 mm, or 1.45669 inches. The charge to be imposed for the coinage of these pieces will be at the rate of $9.50 per thousand pieces. This price covers coinage and working dies, but does not include the silver nor the copper required for alloy, nor does it include the packing costs.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1924.

Mr. J. Holmes Sherard,

Sherard, Mississippi.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 18 please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for information relative to the present value of the coins you describe.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1924.

Mr. Frank B. Lyman,
28 East Bay Street, Room 8,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 20 please be advised that the dime is composed of 900 parts silver and 100 parts copper. The five-cent piece contains 75% copper and 25% nickel. The one-cent piece is made up of 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1924.

Vogel Bros. Shoe Mfg. Co.,
214 South Eight St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 20 please be advised that the institutions of the Mint Service have no fibre board at their disposal.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1924.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith contracts entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, with the firms indicated below. The discrepancies to which you called attention have been corrected by the Philadelphia Mint.

The Pilgrim Laundry Co.
John McKee
John R. Rowand
Standard Ice Mfg. Co.
Sun Oil Co.
Paul S. Reeves & Co.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1924.

Mr. O. W. Donkle, Vice President,
Fort Atkinson Savings Bank,
Fort Arkinson, Wisconsin.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your check for $29.50 to cover the cost of a set of Presidential medals. Please be advised that these medals are sold by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, to whom a money order should be sent to cover the same. The medals may be shipped to you express collect.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1924.

The Secretary,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am forwarding by messenger two copies of the Coolidge Presidential medal, two copies of the Harding Presidential medal, and two copies of the Harding Memorial medal. The medals are forwarded to be included in the collection of medals now in your custody.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1924.

Mr. Gutzon Borglum,

Stamford, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Borglum:

In compliance with the directions of the Secretary of the Treasury, this Bureau has requested the Mint at Philadelphia to lend to you a bronze copy of the Coolidge presidential medal. It is understood that when this medal has served its purpose you will return it to the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. O. Roth

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1924.

Mr. Winfield L. Howard,
1518 First Street,
Napa, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 19 please be advised that a suitable design for the Stone Mountain coin has not as yet been submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for approval. It will be some months, therefore, before the coins are struck. The coins, when ready, will be distributed through the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and will not be distributed by the Treasury. Application for the coins should be made to that Association.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1924

Machall Brothers,
828 F Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Under date of February 14, 1924, there was delivered to the Laboratory of this Bureau, on order of this office, 140 lbs. nitric acid, c.p., @ .195¢ per lb., $27.30. This item was purchased in accordance with contract with the General Supply Committee for the fiscal year 1924, catalogue item 4409a. It has come to attention that the price paid was in excess of price quoted in catalogue for quantity purchases. The price for nitric acid, 7 lb. bottles, 10 bottles to the case, is stated as 15¢ per lb. Two cases of acid were purchased, thus entitling this office to the lower price per pound - the charge should have been $21.00.

Will you kindly ascertain from your records if these facts are not true and favor us with a check, made payable to the "Director of the Mint," for the overcharge of $6.30.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1924.

Mr. Tadao Wikawa,
Acting Financial Commissioner to U.S.A.,
Japanese Financial Commission,
Equitable Building,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 23 please be advised that this Bureau has taken pleasure in forwarding to Dr. K. Yamasaki, 126 Haramachi, Koishikawa, Tokyo, Japan, a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint. Dr. Yamasaki's name has been placed on our mailing list to receive future copies of this Report.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago,
230 South La Salle Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

In conformity with your request of the 22nd, I will take pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list of this office for the annual report of the Director of the Mint. The report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924, will be ready for distribution about December 1, next.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1924.

Mr. A. J. Hill,
616 South University Avenue,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 19 please be advised that the Government does not undertake to assume financial interest in mining enterprises, and does not exercise jurisdiction over privately owned land. I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1924.

Mr. J. D. Riker,
5802 Oak Avenue,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 20, together with enclosure of $1.10 to cover one bronze medal of President McKinley. As these medals are sold by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, your request has been forwarded to that officer.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1924.

Mr. Frank Dregan,
R. R. No. 2,
Mulberry, Kansas.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the specimen of ore forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver, and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1924.

Mr. A. G. Carter, President,
Fort Worth Star-Telegram,
Forth Worth, Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of September 20 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, ordering a set of Presidential medals, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Presidential medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and application for the set should be made to the Superintendent of that institution. Payment should be made by postal money order, or if you prefer, the medals may be forwarded to you express collect. Your check is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1924.

Hon. Clarence F. Lea,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Lea:

Replying to your letter of September 23 please be advised that the Harding memorial medal is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, at $1.00. Application for the medal should be made to the Superintendent of that institution and payment made for the same by postal money order, including postage $1.15. No "Harding Dollars" have ever been coined by the Mints.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1924.

Mr. D. M. Costick,
D. M. Costick Company,
400 West 23rd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 25 relative to the proposed coinage for the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, please be advised that the United States Mints undertake coinage for a foreign country only at the request of the representative of that Government at this Capital. The request would have to come through the State Department to the Treasury Department.

This Bureau will take pleasure in quoting on this coinage immediately upon receipt of such request received through the State Department from the duly accredited representative of the Government at this Capital.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1924.

District Secretary,
Twelfth United States Civil Service District,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 2 please be advised that the last issue of regulations pertaining to the administration of the Civil Service Act and Rules issued by this Bureau is dated 1910.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1924.

Mr. M. E. Young,

Plymouth, Illinois.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the solder forwarded with your letter of September 23 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00, and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The following contracts, entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, are transmitted for the purpose of being filed in your office. The contracts have been approved by the Under Secretary of the Treasury.

General Chemical Co. (with bond)
Hamilton Towel Supply Company
Western Iron Foundry Company
S. L. Threadgill

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1924.

Mr. F. M. Wilkins,
Box 92,
Campti, La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 24 please be advised that the mints do not receive precious metals in the form of ore. I regret that we cannot handle your material for you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1924.

Mr. J. B. Hazzard,
Miller, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 23 please be advised that the following amounts of silver were purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890:

Fiscal Year	Amount Purchased	President
1891	50,577,498.44 ounces	Harrison
1892	51,106,607.96 "	"
1893	45,531,374.53 "	Cleveland
1894	8,715,521.32	"

The purchasing clause of the Act was repealed November 1, 1893.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1924.

Mr. Orrin Baker,

Earlville, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 24 please be advised that the coinage of gold is free. That means that the owner of gold may take bullion to the mint and receive the value of the pure content at the rate of $20.67 an ounce, the fixed price of gold. Should the bullion be brought to the mint in the form of mixed metal charges would be imposed for preparing the metal for coinage purposes. The charges depend upon the amount of work required for this purpose.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 29, 1924.

Arizona Silver Mines Company,
Sacramento, California.

Cannot make exception to regulations requiring deilvery of Pittman silver at mint not later than October first

Grant

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

September 29, 1924.

Mr. Jabez M. Smith,

Malvern, Arkansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 26 please be advised that the Mints could not handle the watch case you describe. Gold deposits are accepted by the Mint Service institutions only when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 29, 1924.

Mr. Geo. S. Austin,
73 Elmyra Street,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 25 please be advised that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924 will not be ready for distribution until some time in November. Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of this Report when issued.

With reference to your inquiry regarding the exchange of coins for paper currency, please be advised that the mints do not keep coins segregated by years.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 29, 1924.

The Ven. Harvey P. Walter, S.T.B.,
R. F. D. 3,
Bethlehem, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 26, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the last Report of the Director of the Mint, which contains a table of coinage since the beginning of operations in the mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1924.

Tintic Milling Company,
Provo, Utah.

Cannot make exception to regulations requiring delivery of Pittman silver at mint not later than October first

Grant

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1925

September 29, 1924.

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In reply to letter of your librarian dated September 26, 1924, I have taken pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1923, on page 13 of which you will find a table of coinage for the fiscal year 1923.

I am enclosing a sheet showing the coinage of the mints during the fiscal year 1924. The same information will appear in the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924, a copy of which you will doubtless receive by the middle of December.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1924.

Mr. Alfred Dudley,
Box 255,
Earlville, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 24 please be advised that the coinage of gold is free. That is, any owner of gold may take his bullion to the mint and be paid for the pure gold content at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, the fixed price for the metal.

The mint redeems at bullion value coins which in the course of circulation have fallen below the legal limit of tolerance. Worn paper currency is destroyed by the Government.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1924.

Mr. Lynn A. Loomis,
Eastman Kodak Company,
50 Church Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Loomis:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of September 29 addressed to the U.S. Government Assay Office, Washington. There is no Government assay office in Washington, although the assay offices of the United States in the field are under the jurisdiction of this office.

Dr. Dewey, to whose attention you directed your letter, died several years ago.

I am today forwarding your letter to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, asking him to refer your letter to Mr. J. B. Eckfeld, Assayer, at that institution. Mr. Eckfeld is the most reliable of our Assayers and I trust he will be able to give you satisfactory information.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1924.

Mr. Walter Fairchild,
15 Park Row,
New York City.

Sir:

Responding to your request of September 27 I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Act authorizing the commemorative coin in connection with the Stone Mountain memorial. The design for this coin has not yet been accepted by the Treasury Department, no satisfactory model having been submitted up to this time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1924.

Mr. D. Sorfer,
456 Front Street,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the jewelry scrap forwarded by you. As there is no place in Washington where deposits of this nature are accepted by the Government I have today forwarded this scrap to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, and have requested that officer to write to you directly regarding the deposit. The Mints are not required to accept deposits of this nature unless they approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The following contracts entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, for services and supplies during the fiscal year 1925, are forwarded herewith to be filed in your office. Each contract is accompanied by bond, and bear the approval of the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Paul S. Reeves & Co.
John McKee
John R. Rowand
Pilgrim Laundry Co.
Sun Oil Company
Standard Ice Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1924.

Hon. Willis C. Hawley,
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Congressman Hawley:

Your letter of September 25 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The pamphlet entitled "Guide to the numismatic collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia" is distributed by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., and I regret that this office has no copies for gratuitous distribution. It may be of interest to you to know that the numismatic collection was lent by the Philadelphia Mint to the National Museum at Washington, where the collection is now on display.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1924.

Miss Esther Vogt,
R. D. No. 6,
Norwalk, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 27 please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins. I would suggest that you write the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th St., New York. They may be able to help you in determining the value of the coin you describe.

In the year 1853 half dollars to the amount of $2,430,354 were coined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1924.

Mr. Walter Fairchild,
15 Park Row,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 1 please be advised that the Act approved March 17, 1924 authorizing the issue of five million 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the Stone Mountain memorial, was signed by the President on that date.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1924.

Catbye & Anderson,
622 McGillat Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of three gold kings addressed by you to the United States Mint Service, Washington. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government I have today forwarded the metal to the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, and have requested the Superintendent of that institution to communicate to you directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1924.

Director, Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In regard to the seven sets and 46 odd weights sent to you by the Denver Mint, on which you made a report to this office on July 14, please return these weights to the Denver Mint as they are not worth repairing and the Denver office may be able to salvage part of them.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

October 5, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of September 4, 1924, file C-CV-6, forwarding statement of differences pertaining to this office found in the disbursing accounts of J. L. Summers, per Settlement C-13592-T, to include the month of January, 1924, the following is submitted:

Sheet #395, voucher #2, Reg. Roll, Jan. 1-15, 1924. Item 11½. John F. Waring, Asst. Mess. @ $720. Employee appointed January 9, 1924. Period of employment 7 days - January 9 to January 15th, inclusive.

Sheet #396, voucher #3. Hugh T. Rippeto, $89.66. The amount suspended, $0.30, has been collected from the traveler and is this date being forwarded to the Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, for deposit to the credit of the appropriation originally charged.

Sheet #396, voucher #2. J. G. Bates, $107.40. Traveler actually left headquarters at 12:45 p.m. in order to catch 1:00 o'clock ferry steamer to Oakland Mole to board train. Lunch was taken in the ferry steamer restaurant while crossing the bay.

Copy of this letter is being furnished J. L. Summers, Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, for his information.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1924.

Mr. W. deC. Ravenel,
Administrative Assistant,
National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ravenel:

There are on hand at the Mint in Philadelphia a number of numismatic books which doubtless would be of value to you in connection with the Government collection of coins now in your custody. I would like to suggest that you allow Mr. Belote to visit the Mint and select the books which he thinks might be of possible interest, have them sent to this Bureau for inspection here and eventually have practically all of the books turned over to you. We would appreciate it very much if you could spare the services of Mr. Belote for this purpose at an early date.

I expect to be in Philadelphia on Wednesday of next week. It might be possible for you to arrange to have Mr. Belote at the Mint on that day.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1924.

Hon. Martin L. Davey,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Davey:

Replying to your letter of October 3 please be advised that the mints do not segregate coins by years. It will therefore be impossible to supply fifty-cent pieces of any given year. I would suggest, as a possible source of information, your constituent be advised to address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of September 4, 1924, file C-CV-6, forwarding statement of differences pertaining to this office found in the disbursing accounts of J. L. Summers, per Settlement C-13803-T, for the month of February, 1924, the following is submitted:

Sheet #101, R. J. Grant, traveling expenses, $31.06. Collection of $2.80 has been made from the traveler and is this date being forwarded to the Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, for deposit to the credit of the appropriation originally charged. The difference of 25¢ between the amount collected ($2.80) and the amount disallowed ($3.05) is that item charged as a "tip" given to pullman porter and is allowable, per regulations, in addition to the $5.00 limit for subsistence.

Sheet #101, voucher #12, Mackall Brothers, nitric acid, $27.50. The amount suspended, $6.30, has been collected from the dealer and is this date being forwarded to the Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, for deposit to the credit of the appropriation originally charged.

Copy of this letter is being furnished J. L. Summers, Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, for his information.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1924.

Miss Bertha A. Reuter,
Wesleyan College,
Macon, Georgia.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 2, I take pleasure in enclosing a list giving the average yearly rate of exchange on London for the years 1880 - 1900. This office is unable to give you the exchange on France and Germany for the years indicated. I would suggest that you address the Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D.C., as a possible source of information covering the exchange with these countries. This Bureau has no occasion to keep track of exchange beyond that of London, that being carried on account of the silver market.

I am taking the liberty of returning your letter for the reason that the second page is obviously part of another letter, and probably the last page of your letter to us has gone astray.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Average Yearly

Rate of Exchange on London

1880	$4.856
1881	4.848
1882	4.893
1883	4.864
1884	4.869
1885	4.866
1886	4.864
1887	4.848
1888	4.877
1889	4.874
1890	4.863
1891	4.864
1892	4.874
1893	4.864
1894	4.877
1895	4.891
1896	4.871
1897	4.866
1898	4.848
1899	4.864
1900	4.865

October 6, 1924.

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company,
Toronto, Canada.
Attention of the Treasurer.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 3 this Bureau has taken pleasure in forwarding to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1922, and we have placed your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report, which will be issued in November.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1924.

Mr. William Beegan,
166 Ward Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 2 please be advised that the coin described by you is a special coin issued in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Grant. The coins were sold at a premium by the U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, when first issued. It is not unusual for such special coins to gradually get into circulation. They were issued by the Mint to the Association named above at face value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1924.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,
The World,
Pulitzer Building,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 1 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this Bureau for attention, please be advised that the circular "Value of Foreign Coins" is issued quarterly. Your name is on the mailing list to receive a copy of the edition of October 1 as soon as it comes from the printer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 6, 1924.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith franks to cover the mailing of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924, divided as follows:

Buckram	50
Paper	123
Cloth	469
	642

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1924.

Office of Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find voucher of the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana, amounting to $287.28, covering fifty per-cent of the expense, incurred during the quarter ended September 30, 1924, on account of water, light and coal for the building used in common by the assay office and the Prohibition Director at Helena, Mont., and paid by the Assayer in Charge.

Kindly cause the amount to be credited to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Helena, 1925."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 7, 1924.

Miss Florence H. Shaffer,
310 W. Thompson Street,
Sullivan, Indiana.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the piece you describe is not a coin of the United States. These pieces were known as "spielmarkes", were illegal, and their issue suppressed. The metal is a composition, mostly brass.

Respectfully.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1924.

Mr. W. C. McDonald,
32 Burnside Building,
339 Main Street,
Worcester, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 4 please be advised that application for coins should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 7, 1924.

returned
not at address

Mr. Nick Aristide,
160 First Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 4 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1924.

Miss Mate E. Capen,
R.F.D. 2, Box 52,
Gilman, Illinois.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 30 please be advised that there were no Liberty head nickels coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1924.

Mr. T. F. Brown, Acting Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of October 6, relative to an inquiry received from Mr. Oliver J. Brodie, Newberry, S.C., in regard to the tensile properties and hardness of 14 and 10 carat gold.

This question cannot be answered as it stands; it depends upon the alloy and heat used and the manner in which the metal was cooled.

The tensile strength of standard gold is 16 pounds per square inch; alloy copper.

Respectfully,

E. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 8, 1924.

Star Ring Manufacturing Company,
723 Main Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 6 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public. The ring and parts you refer to will be forwarded to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and the Superintendent of that institution will be requested to instruct you in regard to the cost of making the assay desired.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 8, 1924.

Mr. E. O. Sowerwine,
Anaconda Copper Mining Company,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Sowerwine:

Responding to your request of October 7 this Bureau has taken pleasure in forwarding under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for 1923.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 8, 1924.

Mrs. R. E. Allen,

Hernando, Mississippi.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 4 please be advised that the mail section of the Treasury Department informs this office that they have no record of the receipt of the package to which you refer. If the rock was forwarded by you by registered mail it should be traced through your local post office.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 8, 1924.

Mr. Melvin Samuel,
222 S. Bouldin Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 7 please be advised that no liberty head nickels were coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

H. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1924.

Mr. Joseph W. Charlton,
5535 Kenwood,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6 please be advised that the Report of the Director of the Mint contains the information you desire relative to the commercial ratio of gold and silver over a period of years. I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the last Report to be forwarded to you, and your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report, which will be issued in November. Page 118.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1924.

Mr. Frank L. Long,
Wm. Simpson, Sons & Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 8 please be advised that the last edition of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" was issued in 1916.

Respectfully,

R. M. Bailey

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1924.

Office of Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find voucher of the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana, amounting to $19.17, covering fifty per-cent of the expense, incurred during the quarter ended June 30, 1924, on account of water and electric light for the building used in common by the assay office and the Prohibition Director at Helena, Mont., and paid by the Assayer in Charge.

Kindly cause the amount to be credited to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Helena, 1924."

Respectfully,

M. W. Robbins

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 10, 1924.

Miss Sarah E. Shoemaker,
Alfred Cramer School,
29th & Mickle Street,
Camden, New Jersey.

Madam:

Your letter of October 8 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting permission to take a group of students through the United States Mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

For the purpose of more closely guarding the large amount of coin and bullion on hand, all of the Mints and Assay Offices have been closed to visitors. I feel sure you will appreciate the urgent need of the precautions now being taken and the position of the Department in its effort to adhere impartially to the decision to close the Mints and Assay Offices to visitors for the present.

Respectfully,

M. W. Atwell

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1924.

Mr. Ray Runnings,
209 South Mingo Street,
Albion, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, this Bureau has no knowledge of the publication entitled "Gold and Amount of its Uses". It is suggested that the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, which may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at 50 cents a copy, may be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1924.

Mrs. T. H. Nertham,
741 Mill St.,
Watertown, New York.

Madam:

Replying to your card of October 8 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, purchases old gold, but only when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Such deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Small deposits are not accepted.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1924.

Mr. Jay Lovestone, Research Director,
Workers Party of America,
1113 W. Washington Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6 please be advised that the information you desire relative to the monetary stock of gold is contained in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint. The Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, has today been requested to forward a copy of this Report to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1924.

Mr. Paul R. Anderson,
9141 Houston Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6 please be advised that the information you desire is contained in the Report of the Director, 1923. The ratio of gold and silver is compiled annually, however, and not monthly, and the annual ratio table is found on page 118 of the Report. This office has today requested the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, to forward a copy of this report.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1924.

Mr. E. E. Blackburn, President,
The Marion National Bank,
Marion, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 7 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to this Bureau for attention, please be advised that the Government does not sell gold bullion in quantities less than $5,000 in value, and no silver bullion is placed on sale. May I suggest that one of your New York correspondent banks may be able to supply you with the names of bullion brokers through whom the metal may be purchased.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1934.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed contracts, entered into by the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York City, with the New York Telephone Company for telephone service during the current fiscal year, are forwarded for your files. The service contracted for covers lines, John 4798-9 and John 2186. Both contracts have been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed contract, entered into by the Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, with the Natatorium Company for heating service to be supplied by that company to the Assay Office during the current fiscal year, is forwarded for your files. The contract has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1924.

Mr. Henry Hittman,

Iron River, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 6 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1924.

Secretary, International Exchange Service,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This Bureau begs to request that you forward through the International Exchange Service the three copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint, forwarded to you under separate cover, to -

Mr. A. A. Gomme, Librarian,
The Patent Office Library,
25, Southampton Buildings,
London, W.C.2.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1924.

Foreign Affairs,
25 West 43rd Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Please execute the enclosed voucher for a year's subscription to "Foreign Affairs", and forward the copies of your periodical to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. Payment will be made upon receipt of the voucher properly executed.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1924.

Mr. A. A. Gomme, Librarian,
The Patent Office Library,
25, Southampton Buildings,
London, W.C.2.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 1, 1924, this office has taken pleasure in forwarding through the International Exchange Service the Reports of the Director of the Mint for the years 1921, 1922 and 1923.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1924.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,
The World,
Room 1400, Pulitzer Building,
Park Row, New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 10 I regret to advise you that it will be impossible for us to give you a revision of the table enclosed in your letter "World Production of Gold and Silver", as these figures will not be ready for another month. Although the inquiries were sent out early in the calendar year, replies are only now being received from some of the foreign countries.

Respectfully,
Director of the Mint.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1924.

Mrs. Robert McLaughlin,
9134 112th Street,
Richmond Hill, New York.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government purposely avoids issuing any descriptive matter relative to the methods of coining money.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1924.

Mr. Paul J. FitzPatrick,
3624 Thirteenth Street, N.E.,
Brookland, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 10 I take pleasure in enclosing Circulation Statement for January 1, 1924. Your name is now on the list to receive this statement quarterly.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1924.

T-C

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, New York.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of September, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined bullion	- 106,460.88	fine oz.
Foreign " " "	- 119,813.71	" "
Foreign silver coin	- 59,874.54	" "

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 15, 1924.

F-C

Survey of Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of September, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold	106,919.441 oz.
Unrefined domestic silver	108,460.88 "

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 13, 1924.

Miss Lucille Hournes,
Milford, Illinois.

Dear Miss Hournes:

Replying to your letter of October 8 please be advised that the edges of the gold coins while not reeded, bear a lettering. Lettering and reeding the edges of gold and silver coins is a method adopted to prevent the fraudulent reduction of the weight of the coins. The minor coins are not similarly treated because of the small value of the metal content.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1924.

Mr. C. B. Nelson,

Bridger, Montana.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded with your letter of October 7 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 15, 1924.

Hon. Edgar R. Kiess,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Kiess:

Complying with your request of October 14 I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the latest Report of the Director of the Mint to be forwarded to Mr. J. R. Hammerle, 691 Seventh Avenue, Williamsport, Pa.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1924.

Mr. J. R. Hammerle,
691 Seventh Avenue,
Williamsport, Pa.

Sir:

At the request of Hon. Edgar R. Kiess I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you, under separate cover, a copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1924.

Mr. A. C. Abrahams,
131 East 110th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 14 please be advised that the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, has been requested to forward to you a copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint, which contains a list of the coinage executed at the mints since the beginning of coinage.

The Government issues no circular covering the numismatic value of coins.

Uncurrent coins returned to the mints are not segregated by years, so it will not be possible to advise you as to the number of each denomination recoined.

For information relative to current paper money I am enclosing a circular, and would suggest that a letter addressed to the Treasurer of the United States and the Secretary of the Federal Reserve Board respectively might elicit further information in regard to paper money. This Bureau has no jurisdiction over the issue of paper money.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 15, 1924.

Miss Elizabeth T. Stout, Librarian,
Lewis and Clark High School,
Spokane, Washington.

Madam:

Replying to your card of October 10 this Bureau has taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the coinage laws of the United States, which includes the penal code covering counterfeiting.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1924.

Mr. Chris Keenan,
911 W. 35th Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 8 please be advised that the Government does not coin money on private account.

The gold and silver coins of the United States consist of 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts copper alloy.

The United States Mints execute coinage for foreign governments upon application received through the State Department from the duly accredited representative of the foreign government in this Capital.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1924.

Mr. N. Merriman,
236 W. 49th St.,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of October 7 addressed to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The information you desire relative to the production of gold in California is not in the possession of this office. I would suggest that you write to the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

October 16, 1924.

Mr. R. J. Mahoney,

Grants Pass, Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Seattle assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1924.

Mr. Van Howard,

Picayune, Mississippi.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 13 please be advised that there is no instrument known to science which will discover buried treasure.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1924.

Mr. J. H. Lewis
171 North Scoville Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois

Sir:

I have your letter of October 9, 1924, stating you desire to know the actual value of the pound in dollars and cents as the pound was used in the city of New York in 1797.

We have been unable to locate anything giving definite information of the kind desired as of 1797, but the following may be of assistance to you.

In the Universal Cambist compiled by P. Kelly, LL.D., in 1820 and 1821, and published in London, is found the statement that accounts were kept in the United States in different ways, but chiefly in dollars of "federal money" as distinguished from various currencies which were formerly moneys of the United States and which were partially retained in domestic use; but that in foreign commerce and all government concerns federal money was used, in which the dollar was valued at 4s. 6d. sterling subsequent to 1789. Accounts were originally kept in all British Colonies of America as in England; and British coins circulated as well as Spanish dollars, but in consequence of excessive issues of paper money various depreciations took place, which were liquidated at different rates of composition. In New York and North Carolina the ratio of sterling to paper currency was as 9 to 16. Hence £1 sterling equaled £1 15s. 6 2-3 d. paper currency, and £1 paper currency equaled 11s. 3d. sterling. The Spanish dollar was therefore worth 8s. paper currency.

The 4s. 6d. sterling value of federal money, mentioned above, appears to have been par of the coins of the two countries at that time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1924.

Mr. Jno. Hoffer, Jr.,
Hotel Brazos,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 12 please be advised that the coin you describe is a Columbian quarter dollar and may be redeemed at its face value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1924.

Mr. Harry C. Allen,
413 West Erie Street,
Albion, Michigan.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1924.

Mr. E. B. Whitney,
731 Sansome Street,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 10 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon their numismatic value. As a possible source of information I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1924.

Mr. James J. Pierson,
Pierson Mines,
Independence, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 10 please be advised that this Bureau's supply of Reports for the years 1883 and 1884 has long been exhausted. It is possible you may be able to obtain copies of these reports from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. They are sold at the rate of 50 cents each.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1924.

The Williams Gold Refining Company,
2978 Main Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 16 addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Washington, D.C. There is no mint in Washington and no Government institution where deposits of bullion are received. I am returning your letter presuming it was intended for the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1924.

Mr. W. E. Coward,
Drawer No. 16,
Rosebud, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 13 please be advised that the only $50.00 gold pieces ever issued by the Government were those prepared for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. These coins were sold at a premium, $100.00. This Bureau has no knowledge as to where they could be obtained; there are none in the Treasury and none in the Mints.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1924.

Mrs. F. D. Bonness,
P. O. Box 384,
St. Stephen, N.B.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 5 please be advised that this Government does not issue a list of coin dealers, and does not issue information covering the numismatic value of coins. As of possible interest, it might be that you could learn what collectors might pay for the piece you have by addressing the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1924.

Mr. L. W. Williams, Asst. Cashier,
Commercial Exchange Bank,
Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 15 please be advised that in the year 1873 double eagles to the amount of $173,680 were coined. The mints do not segregate coins by years, and I am unable to advise you where you might obtain a specimen of these coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1924.

Mr. B. R. Gorcham,
R.F.D. 7, Box 22,
Decatur, Illinois.

Sir:

So much of your letter of October 1, 1924 as refers to the assaying of gold by the Government has been referred to this office by the United States Geological Survey.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ores at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1924.

Marsh & McLennan,
80 Maiden Lane,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed herewith statement covering shipment of bullion from this office to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, valued at $265.00, which it is requested be substituted for statement mailed to you October 17, covering shipment from this Bureau to the Philadelphia Mint, valued at $286.77. The postal authorities returned to this office the package covered by the statement of October 17 with the explanation that it exceeded in weight the amount allowed for registered mail. The shipment covered by the statement herewith has therefore been substituted, and this Bureau will appreciate it if you will return our statement of October 17.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1924.

Marsh & McLennan,
80 Maiden Lane,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The shipment of bullion addressed to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, covered by our statement to you of October 17, 1924, has been withdrawn by this office. Will you kindly return the statement to this office for cancellation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1924.

Miss Gladys Davis,
Box 81,
Darlington, Pa.

Dear Miss Davis:

Replying to your letter of October 17 please be advised that the Government purposely avoids issuing any descriptive matter relative to the manufacture of coins.

A circular of information covering coins and medals is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director, Grant
of the Mint.

October 20, 1924.

Mr. R. F. Hall,
Hoosier Country Club,
West Baden, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 17 please be advised that the Pilgrim Tercentennary half dollar is distributed by the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass. It is understood the coin is disposed of at a premium.

The design for the Stone Mountain Memorial coin has not as yet been accepted by the Treasury Department. It will be several weeks, therefore, before this coin will be struck by the mints. When ready the coin will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, to whom application should be made for the coin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1924.

Mr. James G. Leyburn,
Graduate College,
Princeton University,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Sir:

Responding to your request of October 17 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which gives a table of coinage of all denominations of gold since the opening of the Mints.

As you are aware the $1.00 gold piece is the smallest gold coin ever authorized by the Government. The coining of this piece was discontinued by the Act of September 26, 1890, for the reason that the piece was inconvenient and easily lost.

The $2.50 gold piece, although a current coin, has not been minted for several years, this coin also being regarded as too small for convenient and safe currency.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 20, 1924.

Mr. W. G. Shepard,
Collier's,
416 West Thirteenth Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 18 relative to obtaining a copy of letter written by Salmon P. Chase when he was Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the motto "In God We Trust", I regret to advise that we are unable to find this letter. It is understood that all of the Secretary's letters were withdrawn from the files of this Bureau and placed in the custody of the Secretary's office. I am enclosing carbon copy of the history of the motto which may be of some service to you. This document includes copy of the letter referred to.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1924.

Mr. G. E. Epps,

Fort Mill, S.C.

Sir:

Replying to your card of recent date I take pleasure in enclosing a carbon copy of the history of the motto "In God we Trust".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1924.

Hon. Addison T. Smith,

Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dear Congressman Smith:

Replying to your telegram of October 20 please be advised that this Bureau will make every effort to provide the necessary funds for the Boise Assay Office. It is not possible to say at this time what the Budget Bureau will do in the matter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1924.

United States Metals Refining Company,

Carteret, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your request of October 20 I take pleasure in forwarding herewith five copies of the Table of Charges in force in the Mint and Assay Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1924.

American Surety Company of New York,
320 Patterson Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the documents forwarded by you to this Department, in the case of Samuel R. Whitaker, and have to advise you that Mr. Whitaker has executed a new bond, which was approved October 17, 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1924.

Mr. J. W. Sayre,
Liberty Theatre Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 17 please be advised that the mints do not segregate coins by years. I would suggest that the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, may be able to assist you in procuring the coins you desire.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1924.

Mr. Henry Chapman,
338 South Sixteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of October 20 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. As the stock of half dollars in the Treasury offices, including the mints, and in the banks is well in excess of any possible demand for this denomination of coin, it will not be practicable for the mint to undertake the coinage of half dollars during the calendar year 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1924.

Mr. William H. Fry,
3050 Inez Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 12 I have taken pleasure in requesting the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, to forward to you a copy of the last Report of the Director of the Mint.

The Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals, may be obtained from the above named official for $1.00 a copy.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1924.

Mr. J. H. LeFavour, Cashier,
The Marion National Bank,
Marion, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 20 please be advised that the Government purposely avoids issuing any information descriptive of the methods employed in the manufacture of coins.

I take pleasure in enclosing a circular of information relative to coins and medals.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1924.

Mr. W. R. Spotts,
154 N. Eleventh Street,
Sunbury, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 21 please be advised that the Mints do not handle paper mache and therefore have none for disposal.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1924.

Mr. P. S. Harris,
Earlville,
La Salle County, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 20 please be advised that the Stone Mountain memorial half dollars have not yet been struck. When ready these coins will be distributed through the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and will not be distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1924.

Mr. Leo T. Foley,
R.F.D. No. 1,
Gouldsboro, Pa.

Sir:

The material forwarded by you for assay is returned herewith, as there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1924.

Mr. A. W. Hamblin, Editor,
The Bedford Free Press,
Bedford, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 20, please be advised that this Government has never demonitized silver.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1924.

Mrs. P. T. Landers,
706 3rd Avenue, West,
Albany, Alabama.

Madam:

I am returning under separate cover the specimen rock forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1924.

Mr. J. M. Pennell, Cashier,
The Second National Bank,
Titusville, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 21, together with peices of destroyed gold coins. The pieces have been transmitted to the Superintendent, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, with the request that the Superintendent of that institution communicate with you directly regarding same. There is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government.

Respectfully,

A M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1924.

Mr. W. W. Darice,
3119 Rhodes Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 21 please be advised that $3,682,961.95 in five-cent pieces were coined in 1913. After approximately half this amount was coined the modification in the design, referred to in your letter, was made in the coin. This Department has no knowledge of any premium paid by coin collectors for either type. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

D M O'Reilly

~~R. J. Grant,~~
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1924.

Mr. M. G. Stevenson, Secretary,
Clark County Republican County Central Committee,
Ashland, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 20, please be advised that no coin has been issued, or authorized, bearing the portrait of Lincoln and Lee.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1924.

Mr. M. E. Bachelor,
Quincy, Florida.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the specimen of soil forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ores at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

Jn M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1924.

Mr. C. E. Dean, Asst. Cashier,
Union Trust Company of Erie,
Erie, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 22 please be advised that the Presidential medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for $1.06 each, plus postage. Application for the medals should be made to the Superintendent of that institution, and payment made by postal money order, or cash.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1924.

Mr. John Gulliksen, Cashier,
Union Bank of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 22 please be advised that memorial coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department, but when coined are delivered to the agents designated in the Act to receive them.

It is understood that the coins listed by you are disposed of at a premium, with the exception of the Monroe half dollar, several thousands of which were placed in circulation at face value by the Monroe Doctrine Centennial Commission.

The following coins are distributed by the agencies indicated:

Grant	-	U.S.Grant Memorial Assn., 1012 Traction Bldg., Cincinnati.
Lincoln	-	State Treasurer, Springfield, Illinois.
Huguenot	-	Fifth National Bank, New York City.
Monroe	-	Monroe Doctrine Centennial Commission, Los Angeles, Calif.
Alabama	-	First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.
Missouri	-	Sedalia Bank & Trust Company, Sedalia, Mo.
Pilgrim	-	National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.
Maine	-	State Treasurer, Augusta, Me.
Panama	-	Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1924.

Mr. Fred H. Robinson,
Room 35, Court House,
San Diego, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 18 please be advised that the Act of January 24, 1923 authorized the coinage of 300,000 Monroe Doctrine Centennial half dollars. Of this number 274,000 were coined. Several thousand of these coins have been placed in circulation at face value, not having been sold by the Commission.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1924.

Miss Marguerite Elliott,
51 Prospect Avenue,
Norwood, Mass.

Dear Miss Elliott:

Replying to your letter of October 21 please be advised that the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at $1.00 a copy. I regret that we have no copies of this publication for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1924.

Mr. J. R. Hammerle,
691 Seventh Avenue,
Williamsport, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 23 please be advised that yourname has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924. This Report will be issued some time late in November.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1924.

Mr. W. McBee,

Stigler, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office, at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 fordetermining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 25, 1924.

Mr. Jess Kinder,
321 W. Lucas St.,
Bucyrus, Ohio.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the small specimen of ore forwarded with your letter of October 23, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

A visual examination of the material returned herewith indicates that it is a form of iron ore, and of no commercial value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 27, 1924.

Mr. O. Banchareel d'Aoust,
c/o Simmons Company,
110 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I am returning your check for $29.00 forwarded with your letter of October 24 to cover one set of Presidential medals. Application for these medals should be made to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., and payment made for the same by postal money order.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 27, 1924.

Mr. John H. Camp,
Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 21 please be advised that this office appreciates your interest in the matter of coinage, and has read with interest your suggestion for aluminum coins.

No change can be made in the alloy of the current coins without an Act of Congress. This Department cannot, therefore, act upon your suggestion without authority from Congress. Aluminum coins have been under consideration for several years, but no definite action has been taken.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 27, 1924.

Mr. J. E. Scharloock,
14 Carolina Street,
Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 22 please be advised that there were no Liberty head nickels coined in 1913.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 27, 1924.

Mr. Clarence Peppels,
Route 6,
Boone, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 27, 1924.

Mr. Godfrey S. Knoth,
406 N. Homan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 22 please be advised that the Mints do not segregate coins by years. You may be able to obtain the pieces of 1924 coinage by addressing the Superintendents of the coinage mints, located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. Coins are issued on the order of the Treasurer of the United States. The superintendents of the mints are allowed to pay out specimen pieces of the current year when they are available.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 27, 1924.

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Mr. S. P. Panton,
The Travelers Insurance Company,
Big Creek, California.

Sir:

Please accept my thanks for your helpful letter of October 18 addressed to Mr. Scobey, former Director of the Mint, concerning Canadian paper currency.

The data published in the Annual Reports of the Director of the Mint in the form of "text" are usually prepared in conformity with the information which reaches this office, and you have probably noted that in some instances are not entirely accurate or not exactly stated. We are in some instances without sufficient information to clearly classify the data which reaches us. For example, it is not clear, in the case under consideration, whether the item of $257,269,125.00 of Dominion notes represents the amount in circulation, as stated in report to us, or the total of such notes outstanding, as understood from your letter.

In preparing the tables of monetary statistics on a world basis, which tables follow the basic text in our annual report, it is our effort to eliminate inaccuracies insofar as practicable. Attempt is made to avoid duplication such as would be involved in adding United States gold and silver certificates to other paper currency, or adding the total Dominion and bank notes of Canada together. We are not always informed as to the portion of the Dominion notes used as security for the issue of bank notes. Effort is also made to eliminate from the world tables paper currency which is held by central or reserve banks as reserve stock for placing in circulation when needed as active cash. Paper currency held by banks as part of their active cash, even if of large denominations, is considered as part of the country's circulation because it is at once available for meeting monetary needs, as is other active cash, regardless of the fact that it does not circulate amongst the people generally.

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It is understood from the last paragraph of your letter that the probable circulation of Dominion notes, stated by you as $20,000,000, applies to the small denominations circulated among the general public.

Again thanking you for your letter, I remain

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 28, 1924.

The Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Following are the results of assays made upon four samples of dental gold submitted by the United States Veterans Bureau, October 21, 1924:

Samples Marked	Gold Assay
2 dwt. 18 carat gold solder	15.625 carat
1 " gold casting	18.000 "
10 " 22 carat inlay gold.	22.000 "
10 " gold plate, 22 carat, 30 gauge	22.000 "

The scrap is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Assayer, Bureau of the Mint.

Bureau of the Mint, October 28, 1924.

Respectfully forwarded to Mr. J. E. Sasser, Chief, Supply Division, United States Veterans Bureau, Washington, D.C. Scrap returned herewith.

Director of the Mint.

October 28, 1924.

Mr. Arnold G. Dana,
61 Mansfield Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 27, please be advised that the data requested are in the Printing Office at the present time, and therefore not available for correcting the sheet of figures enclosed by you. It is expected that galley proofs will be received in this office within a week or ten days. At that time a copy of the galley proof will be forwarded you with the understanding that the information be not made public before December 1 next.

It is expected that the forthcoming report of the Director of the Mint will be ready for distribution about December 1, 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 28, 1924.

Mr. Hipolit Gliwic, Counselor,
Legation of Poland,
2640 Sixteenth Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 14, 1924, in which you state that your Government cannot pay $9.50 per thousand for the manufacture of 5-zloty pieces, please be advised that upon my recent visit to the Mint last week I carefully reviewed the estimate made by the Mint officials and find that it will be impossible for us to undertake the coinage of this denomination for a lower price.

I will await your instructions as to whether or not to proceed with the preparation of the coinage of this denomination. I will be glad to be advised at your earliest convenience whether or not these terms are acceptable to your Government.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 28, 1924.

Mr. Henry Chapman,
333 South Sixteenth Street.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of October 23, and regret that the Department does not deem it expedient to coin a small number of any denomination of coins not required for the general public.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 27, 1924.

The Treasurer General of the Republic,
San Salvador,
Republic of Salvador, C.A.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 4 requesting estimates on the cost of manufacturing 1,500,000 ten-centavo pieces and 3,000,000 five-centavo pieces. In reply I beg to submit the following:

It is understood the five-centavo piece shall weigh 5 grams and the ten-centavo piece 7 grams and the alloy to be 75% copper and 25% nickel. It is also noted that a perforation 2 mm in diameter is desired in the coins. It is not believed that a perforation less than 6 mm can be successfully punched in a nickel piece, because of the hardness of the metal and the size of the punch.

Coinage costs

1,500,000 - 10 centavos, per M pieces $4.00
3,000,000 - 5 " " " " 3.50

If a perforation of 6 mm in diameter is desired add 25 cents per 1000 pieces to above estimate.

Metal required	Avoir. pounds Nickel	Copper
1,500,000 - 10 centavos	5,787.00	17,361.00
3,000,000 - 5 "	6,267.15	24,801.43
	14,054.15	42,162.43

Of course this Bureau understands that if the order should be placed for this coinage the request will come through the usual channels, from your representative at this Capital through the State Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 28, 1924.

Mr. Alfred L. Colberg,
Box 14,
Cabo Rojo, P. R.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 21 asking for information regarding the Lincoln one-cent piece with the initials on the reverse, please be advised that there are several hundred thousand of these pieces in circulation bearing the initials of the designer of the coin, Victor D. Brenner. These coins have no unusual value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 29, 1924.

Mr. A. S. Ninnivin,
Bank of Montreal,
Montreal, Canada.

Sir:

Your letter of October 25 addressed to the Director, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Washington, D.C., has been referred to this Bureau for attention. In reply the following is submitted:

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924, double eagles to the amount of $154,120,000 were coined.

During the calendar year 1923 the coinage of double eagles amounted to $45,365,000.

From January 1, 1924 to October 1, 1924 double eagles to the amount of $202,920,000 have been coined.

No other denominations in gold have been struck during the period indicated above.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 29, 1924.

Mr. J. C. Emison, Treasurer,
American Smelting and Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Emison:

Replying to your letter of October 28 in regard to fire insurance on the 3,000,000 two Zloty pieces now held at the Philadelphia Mint, I do not think it necessary to carry fire insurance on these coins as I think they are perfectly safe from fire in the Philadelphia Mint, but the risk is up to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 29, 1924.

Mr. Frank Hise,

Winchester, Tenn.

Sir:

The metal submitted with your letter of October 27 is an ordinary brass alloy and contains no precious metals.

The Government maintains no laboratory in Washington for the examination of such samples for the public.

Your sample and return postage is enclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 28, 1924.

Mr. George L. Harrison,
Deputy Governor,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I have your letter of October 23 relative to the moving of the Federal Reserve Bank from the Subtreasury building in New York.

It is understood that you have now vacated all the space in the Subtreasury building, including the office assigned to you as Fiscal Agent of the United States, and turned the building over to the custodian, Hon. Isaac H. Smith, Superintendent of the United States Assay Office. It is also understood that you have turned over to Mr. Smith all combinations of vaults in the Subtreasury and that you have withdrawn your guards from the building.

Respectfully,

G. B. Winston

G. B. Winston
Under Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 30, 1924.

Mr. R. C. Baker,
15 Karnes Street,
Rochester, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised that the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals, is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy. I regret that there are no copies of this publication available to this Bureau for gratuitous distribution. The Government numismatic collection covered by this volume has been lent to the National Museum, Washington, D.C., where it is on exhibition.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 30, 1924.

Mr. P. A. DeHoff, Secretary,
Men's League,
507 Standard Oil Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 29 relative to the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary fifty-cent pieces, please be advised that a number of these coins were returned to the Mint as unsaleable, but you will be able to obtain a specimen from the Fifth National Bank, New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 30, 1924.

Mrs. George Blint,
Route 1, West Point,
Lee County, Iowa.

Madam:

I am returning under separate cover the sample of pyrites (sulphide of iron) submitted by you for assay, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1924.

Mr. Raymond Jones,
2037 Whitson St.,
Selma, California.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 31, 1924.

Mr. Arnold G. Dana,
61 Mansfield Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of October 29, and in response to your request have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you Reports of the Director of the Mint for the following years: 1914, 1918, 1919 and 1921. These copies are from our very limited surplus copies. I regret that we have not an extra copy of the 1915 Report.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

October 31, 1924.

Mr. G. Hamilton Smith,
"Northside", Leigh Woods,
Bristol, England.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 21 please be advised that the medals enumerated in the circular of information relating to United States Coins and Medals, may be obtained from the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia. The coins of the United States may be obtained from the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., and are not sold at a premium. It is probable that you would have no difficulty in obtaining coins of the current year, but coins are not kept segregated by years. As of possible interest, and source of information, I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 155th Street, New York City.

No special memorial coins are now under consideration.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 1, 1924.

Mr. I. A. Long, Manager,
Peoples National Bank of Leesburg,
Upperville, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 31 please be advised that no Monroe half dollars have been coined during the calendar year 1924.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 1, 1924.

Mr. Roy Gower,
6668 Delmar,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 28 please be advised that no design for the Stone Mountain memorial coins has as yet been approved by the Treasury Department.

The Act authorizing these coins to be issued designates the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, Atlanta, Georgia, as the distributing agent, and application for the coins should be made to that association. The coins will not be distributed by the Treasury. Memorial coins are usually sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

M. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 1, 1924.

Mr. Walter Peterson,

Mushville, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 28 please be advised that 86,730,000 silver dollars of the old design were coined in 1921.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 1, 1924.

Miss D. W. Kirk,
Box 36,
University, Alabama.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of October 30 please be advised that the story relative to the design on the one dollar bill, series of 1917, has been given circulation for the purpose of deceiving the ignorant and creating prejudice. There is no truth in any feature of it.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 3, 1924.

Mr. W. F. Arnett,
Box 122, Route 1,
Crest View, Florida.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded with your letter of October 31 for assay, and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. B. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1924.

Mr. Hector David Castro,
Charge'd Affairs ad-interim of El Salvador,
Salvador Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to the memorandum of October 29 left by you, requesting information with regard to the proposed coinage for your Government, the following is submitted;

It is understood the five centavo piece shall weigh 5 grams and the ten cantavo piece 7 grams and the alloy to be 75% copper and 25% nickel. It is also noted that a perforation 2 mm in diameter is desired in the coins. It is not believed that a perforation less than 6 mm can be successfully punched in a nickel piece, because of the hardness of the metal and the size of the punch. It is understood that the three centavo piece is to weigh four grams and the one centavo piece to weigh two and one-half grams, and be alloyed 75% copper and 25% nickel.

Coinage Costs

1,500,000 - 10 centavos, per M pieces	. . . . .	$4.00
3,000,000 - 5 " " " "	. . . . .	3.50
500,000 - 3 " " " "	. . . . .	3.50
1,000,000 - 1 " " " "	. . . . .	3.50

If a perforation of 6 mm in diameter is desired add 25 cents per 1000 pieces to above estimate.

Metal Required	Avoir. pounds Nickel	Avoir. pounds Copper
1,500,000 - 10 centavos	5,787.00	17,361.00
3,000,000 - 5 "	8,267.15	24,801.43
	14,054.15	42,162.43

For the coinage of the 3 centavo and 1 centavo pieces there will be required 7,440.43 avoirdupois pounds of copper and 2,480.15 avoirdupois pounds of nickel.

Electrolytic copper .999% copper content, and nickel 99% cobalt content should be furnished for this coinage.

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The coinage prices quoted do not include the cost of metal, bags nor containers for shipment, but do include cost of working dies where the hubs are furnished.

The Mint at Philadelphia has in its possession, hubs for the following Salvadorian coins:

Silver Coins - 20, 10 and 5 centavos.

Nickel Coins - 10, 5 and 1 centavos.

Dimensions of the three and one centavo pieces are not given, but it is assumed that the present dimensions, taken from the dies on hand, and the three centavo piece in the possession of the Mint, have not been changed.

Of course this Bureau understands that if the order should be placed for this coinage the request will come through the usual channels, from your representative at this Capital through the State Department.

Respectfully,

M. B. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 4, 1924.

Mr. Paul C. Saunders,
Alfred University,
Department of Chemistry,
Alfred, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 1 requesting a five-cent piece dated 1925, please be advised that the mints do not date money in advance of the calendar year. Coins bearing the date 1925 will not be coined until that calendar year.

Applications for coins should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 4, 1924.

Miss Eloise S. Randall,
Box 637,
New Paltz, New York.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 1 please be advised that gold ore as it is taken from the mines is taken to smelters where the gold is extracted and the bullion refined. It is purchased by the Mints and Assay Offices in the form of bullion. Any owner of gold has a right to present it at the Mints and Assay Offices and receive in exchange payment in gold coin or bars. In this way the value of the gold content in the deposit is placed in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. W. Ridley

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 4, 1924.

Mrs. Alex. Raskin,
310 West Gwinnett St.,
Savannah, Georgia.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 1 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 4, 1924.

Mr. I. A. Long, Manager,
Peoples National Bank of Leesburg,
Upperville, Va.

Sir:

Your note appended to letter from this office of November 1 has been received.

The Monroe half dollar was a special issue, authorized by Congress and approved January 24, 1923. The coins were executed during the calendar year 1923. No further coinage of this design will be executed.

Respectfully,

M. W. Baldy

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 5, 1924.

Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to letter from this Bureau dated February 9, 1924, forwarding six sets of weights for assay balances belonging to the United States Assay Office at Boise, Idaho, this office appears to have no record of having received a report covering the same. Will you please advise us.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 5, 1924.

Mr. G. Cheshire,
300 Commercial Exchange Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 30 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. As a possible source of information I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, relative to the value of the coin you describe.

Respectfully,

M. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 5, 1924.

Mr. Herbert W. Copeland,

McMinnville, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised that 50,000 silver dollars of a special design, known as the Lafayette dollar were struck at the Philadelphia Mint in 1900. These coins were delivered to the Lafayette Memorial Commission, in pursuance of provision of Congress.

I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for information as to a possible premium placed on these coins by collectors. The Government, of course, pays no premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1924.

Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly forward to the Philadelphia Mint twenty-five copies each of the following forms pertaining to the retirement of civil employees: No. 2324, record of efficiency; No. 3-R1, application for annuity; No. 3-R6, application for refund.

Respectfully,

M M Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 5, 1924.

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Mr. Arnold G. Dana,
61 Mansfield Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:

Herewith please find galley proof of the table World Production of Gold and Silver, 1922 and 1923, which will appear in the forthcoming report of the Director of the Mint.

This table is forwarded as per my letter of a few days ago.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

November 5, 1924.

Comptroller of the Currency,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In conformity with the request of Deputy Comptroller Fowler dated October 4, I am forwarding herewith galley proof of the table which will appear in the forthcoming report of the Director of the Mint, showing the Monetary Stock of the Principal Countries of the World at the end of the calendar year 1923.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 6, 1924.

Mr. Ray Sauls,

Saulsbury, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 3 please be advised that there are no Columbian half dollars in the Treasury, and it is not known where these coins might be obtained. I am enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins with addresses of the distributing agents. These coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1924.

Mr. M. E. Keleher,
Exchange Hotel,
Corry, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

The watch case forwarded in connection with your letter of November 5 is being returned to you under separate cover for the reason that deposits of jewelry scrap are not accepted by the Government unless presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. I regret that we cannot be of service to you in this connection.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 6, 1924.

Mr. Walter A. Wells,
296 North Village Ave.,
Nassau Co., New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the large copper one-cent pieces were coined from the commencement of coinage by the United States in 1793 until 1857. The current bronze one-cent piece was first coined in 1909.

I take pleasure in enclosing a circular of information relating to coins and medals.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1924.

Miss Vera Anderson,
1003 Eula Street,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Miss Anderson:

Your letter of November 1 addressed to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Information regarding United States Coins and Medals". The Government purposely avoids issuing any matter descriptive of coinage operations.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1924.

Mr. Charles W. Morten,
c/o B. M. S., Ward 6,
Hot Springs, S.D.

Sir:

I am returning herewith $1.00 enclosed with your letter of November 3, and there is also returned, under separate cover, the material forwarded by you for assay. There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ores at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

M. W. Marks

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1924.

Hon. R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint
United States Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Thompson advises Treasury hearings begin at Capitol seventeenth Bureau probably not be reached before nineteenth No urgent matter before Bureau Design new coin approved without change Polish counselor and representative American Smelting inspected coins at mint Found satisfactory cabling his government that effect

M. M. O'Reilly

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November 8, 1924.

Mr. Jack Nelson,
General Delivery,
Texarkana, Ark.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 5 please be advised that I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the last annual report of the Director of the Mint. This publication contains a table of coinage from 1793 to 1923.

The stamps forwarded with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1924.

Mr. William J. Krochle,
1208 Paquin Ave.,
Columbia, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 5 please be advised that vacancies in the Mint and Assay Service are filled from eligible lists supplied by the Civil Service Commission. I would suggest that you communicate with the District Secretary of Civil Service in Missouri for information relative to examinations.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1924.

Mr. W. Sidney Beane,
122 Loeb Arcade,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 6 please be advised that the Government purchase gold scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The material is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. If your material is sufficient in quantity to meet the requirements it could be shipped to the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

W M Hall

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1924.

Miss Kathryn Doare,
Box 939,
Greene, Iowa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 6 please be advised that the Government issues no publication containing illustrations of coins except the document entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals," sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for $1.00 a copy.

Your name has been placed on our mailing list to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. Paulk

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1924.

Mr. J. M. Lear,
University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 1, the following indicates the number of silver dollars in circulation from November 1, 1919 to March 1, 1920 by months:

1919	November	$ 81,885,372
	December	82,416,283
1920	January	81,536,166
	February	88,233,067
	March	131,758,991

In the opinion of this office the advance of the price of silver above $1.30 an ounce for a brief period had no effect upon the circulation of the silver dollar. At $1.30 an ounce, silver dollars could not be melted with profit when the cost of the melting is taken into consideration.

It is not unlawful for the owner of silver dollars to destroy them. It is unlawful to reduce them in weight and restore them to circulation.

Silver was first purchased under the Pittman Act in May, 1920, and in accordance with the requirements of the Act $1.00 an ounce was paid for the same.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1924.

Mr. John K. Towles, Assistant Economist,
The Chase National Bank,
New York City.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 6 referring to inquiry received by you from a foreign patron relative to the measures adopted by the United States Government for withdrawing old subsidiary coins from circulation.

In reply I take pleasure in enclosing copy of letter today addressed by this Bureau to Mr. Tadao Wikawa in answer to a similar inquiry. I am also enclosing copy of circular which was sent to Mr. Wikawa.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1924.

Mr. Tadao Wikawa,
Acting Financial Commissioner to the United States,
Equitable Building,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of November 5 addressed to Hon. G. B. Winston, Undersecretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office for attention.

In reply I take pleasure in enclosing copy of circular which covers the policy of this Government in handling worn subsidiary coins. Your attention is directed to the paragraph on the redemption, exchange and purchase of United States Coins. I trust this circular gives you the information you want. If we can be of further service please advise us.

We have no information as to the practice of foreign governments in this matter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1924.

Mrs. Marie Selders Ward,
339 Almond St.,
Albemarle, N. C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 4 please be advised that the price of silver on November 7 was 69¼¢ per ounce. The price of silver changes from day to day. It has remained around 70 cents for several weeks.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1924.

Wentz & Price,
Box 58,
Sharon, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of package forwarded by you, said to contain gold and silver. As there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government, your package has today been forwarded, unopened, to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and the Superintendent of that institution has been requested to communicate with your directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1924.

Mr. I. A. Long, Manager,
Peoples National Bank of Leesburg,
Upperville, Va.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for one Monroe half dollar. Please be advised that these coins, like all special issues, are not distributed by the Treasury Department. The coins in question were originally sold at a premium by the Monroe Doctrine Centennial Commission of Los Angeles, California. It is understood they were later circulated among the California banks at face value. I would suggest that you make application for one of these coins to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1924.

Mr. Abe Cohen,
1113 Eleventh Street,
Altoona, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 7 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold jewelry scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Such deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1924.

Mrs. G. F. Housman,
R.F.D. 6,
Mansfield, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 8 please be advised that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1924.

Mr. T. Sargentich,
Barclay Court,
So. Pennsylvania Ave.,
Atlantic City, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 8 please be advised that the mints are allowed to pay out coins only on order of the Treasurer of the United States. You should make application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., for the coins you desire.

Respectfully,

Mary O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1924.

The Western Union Telegraph Company,
14th & G Streets, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your bill #2747, in amount $2.65, covering telegrams sent by the Director of the Mint during the month of September 1924. Sub-voucher #2, a 22 word night message to Provo, Utah on September 17, has been charged for at day message rate, 65¢, while message bore instructions for sending as a night message and charge made should have been 33¢.

Deduction of 32¢ has been made, in view of the above, and bill approved for payment in the sum of $2.33.

Respectfully,

M. M. Polk

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1924.

Mr. B. F. Reed,
2055 Baxterley Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 8 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which is the only document issued by the Government covering the silver situation.

The market price of silver changes from day to day. I would suggest that you might be able to obtain satisfactory information by addressing some of the larger smelters and refiners, such as -

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway, New York City.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York City.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway, New York City.

Respectfully,

B. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has transmitted to this office copy of your letter of November 3, (C.C.I.H.-7), relative to the suspension in the settlement of the Mint's account in the case of vouchers 12 and 59, Troy Steam Laundry Company, Philadelphia. Your letter states that no contract for this service has been furnished your office.

I am enclosing copy of our letter of May 6, 1924, transmitting for your files the contract of the Troy Steam Laundry Company, approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1924.

Mr. Milton Wright,
Scientific American,
233 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your letter of November 10 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and enclosing a proof of an article to be carried in the Scientific American relative to an experiment in transmuting mercury into gold. Your courtesy in forwarding this article in advance is appreciated.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 12, 1924.

Mr. O. J. Netterstrom,
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago,
230 South La Salle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 7 please be advised that the Mint at Philadelphia will pay 14 cents per pound for mutilated bronze coins, and 15 cents per pound for mutilated nickel coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 12, 1924.

Hon. Andrew J. Hickey,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Hickey:

Your letter of November 10 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

Lincoln one cent pieces are being coined in all of the mints and are obtainable at face value. There are millions of them in circulation. This Bureau knows of no Lincoln souvenir one cent pieces.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1924.

Mr. M. Vandermey,
401 Thompson Street,
Saginaw, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 9 please be advised that applications for coins should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

W M Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1924.

Mr. James Barnett,

Blackey, Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 7 please be advised that a visual examination of the material forwarded with your letter of November 7 indicates that it is an artificial iron compound (appears to be iron carbide), and is not a natural ore.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 12, 1924.

Survey of Current Business,

Bureau of Census,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of October, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold	127,183.875 fine oz.
Unrefined domestic silver	97,734.000 " "

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 12, 1924.

Marsh & McLennan, Inc.,

80 Maiden Lane,

New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly forward one pad of the attached form to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, for use in his office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1924.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, New York.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of October, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined bullion	-	97,754.00	fine oz.
Foreign " "	-	262,497.65	" "
Foreign silver coin	-	25,557.82	" "

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 13, 1924.

Mr. Alex J. Klein,
3200 Belmont Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 3 please be advised that any owner of gold may take it to a Mint or Assay Office and receive payment at the rate of $20.67 an ounce for the pure gold content of his deposit.

Silver is purchased in the open market by the mints when required for subsidiary coinage. That silver which is contained in gold deposits is purchased from time to time at the market price of silver, which changes from day to day.

The circulation of money is governed by the demands reaching the Treasury from the banks.

The independent refiners, silversmiths and goldsmiths usually obtain their supplies of precious metals from the smelting and refining plants and purchase fine gold from the United States Mints and Assay Offices in amounts of $5000 or over. The mints are not allowed to sell gold in smaller quantities.

The price of gold is fixed at $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. Gold is purchased at the mints in the form of bullion only. Charges are made for fitting the material for coinage purposes, which are deducted from the value of the deposit.

I am enclosing copy of the coinage laws which covers the questions more in detail.

Respectfully,

A. M. Bailey

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 13, 1924.

Mr. Hal A. Frisbe,
Continental Casualty Company,
552 Book Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date addressed to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Census, has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention beyond that received in their letter.

The Report of the Director of the Mint, containing the information you desire, is in the hands of the printer. Upon its receipt a copy will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 13, 1924.

Major General Frank McIntyre,
Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 24 directing that dies be prepared for the Manila Mint, and requesting to be informed as to the date of shipment, this Bureau takes pleasure in stating that the Philadelphia Mint will ship these dies on November 19.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 12, 1924.

Mr. Joe J. Smith, Jr.,
Box 212,
University, Alabama.

Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Bureau of Standards has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Government does not issue any descriptive matter on the coinage of money.

Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint, which will be issued late this month.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 13, 1924.

Miss Page Thompson,
Box 224,
University, Alabama.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 11 please be advised that the Government does not issue any descriptive matter on the coinage of money.

Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint, which will be issued late this month.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 13, 1924.

Mr. W. deC. Ravenel,
Administrative Assistant to the Secretary,
National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ravenel:

I am enclosing letter of authority for Mr. Belote to visit Philadelphia and New York in the interest of the numismatic collection of the Treasury now lent to the National Museum.

I hope it will be convenient for you to spare Mr. Belote for this service.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rady

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 14, 1924.

Mr. Ray Sauls,
Saulsbury, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 12, the following information is submitted relative to commemorative coins, in addition to that furnished you under date of November 6.

Gold Coins ($1.00)

Louisiana Purchase Exposition 1902
Lewis and Clark Exposition 1904
Panama Pacific International Exposition. . 1915
$150,950 in $50.00 gold pieces also coined
McKinley memorial coins 1916

Silver Coins ($0.50)

Columbian Coins 1892-3
Quarter dollars also coined (1893)
Lafayette Souvenir coins 1900 ($1.00)
Panama-Pacific International Exposition. . 1915
Illinois Centennial coins. 1918

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 14, 1924.

Mr. E. E. Geiss,
414 West 3rd Street,
Muscatine, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 10 please be advised that the coins you describe are mutilated and can be purchased only as bullion.

If you will forward the coins to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia he will remit to you the value of the pieces after determining the same by melting and assaying.

Respectfully,

M M-O Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 14, 1924.

Mr. C. A. Becker,
American Railway Express Co.,
Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 11 please be advised that the design for the Stone Mountain memorial half dollar has recently been accepted by the Treasury Department. It will be several weeks, however, before the coin will be struck by the mint. The coins when ready will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Ga., and application for the coins should be made to that body. The Treasury Department will not distribute the coins.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 14, 1924.

Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, Editor,
Manufacturers Record,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 13 please be advised that the report of the world's production of gold and silver, 1923, is now in the hands of the printer. It is expected the statement will be released within a few days, when a copy will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1924.

Mrs. Marie Selders Ward,
339 Almond Street,
Albemarle, N.C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 13 please be advised that the Government is not at this time purchasing silver, except that contained in gold deposits. When it is necessary to buy silver for coinage the metal is purchased in large quantities in the market on competitive bids.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 15, 1924.

Mr. Arthur Kamat,
Box 44, Route 4,
Herington, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 12 please be advised that the emblem you describe does not contain sufficient gold to be acceptable to the Mint as a gold deposit. Gold is purchased by the mints in the form of bullion when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. Deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The mints do not coin gold on private account.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1924.

Mr. Arthur Weiss,
1015 Center Street,
Joliet, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 12 please be advised that all positions in the Mint Service are under Civil Service.

The large field institutions of this Service are located at New York City, Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco.

For information regarding examinations for positions I would suggest that you write to the District Secretary, United States Civil Service Commission, in your district.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 14, 1924.

Mr. Fred R. Taylor,

Cloud Chief, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 9 please be advised that the Government does not purchas gold in the form of ore. Gold is purchased in bullion form and paid for at the rate of $20.67 an ounce, 1000 fine.

The Government does not interest itself in the recovery of buried treasure.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rolz

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 14, 1924.

Mr. H. H. Nussbaum,
4715 Spring Street,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 11 please be advised that there was exactly $1.00 in gold in a gold dollar when it left the mint. The gold dollar is no longer coined, but all gold coins carry their exact face value in gold.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 17, 1924.

Mr. W. M. Larrabee,
742 Pyne Hall,
Princeton University,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 14, the following is submitted:

Dime - Diameter .705 inches. Thickness .053 inches
Composition 900 parts silver 100 parts copper.

Nickel - Diameter .835 inches. Thickness .078 inches
Composition 75 percent copper, 25 percent nickel.

The old and new designs of each coin are of the same compositon and dimensions.

As of possible interest I am enclosing a circular which covers the system followed by the Government in disposing of worn and abraded coins.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 17, 1924.

Hon. Milton W. Shreve,
Erie, Pa.

Dear Congressman Shreve:

Your letter of November 14 in behalf of Mr. Joseph Cochran, a man now employed as temporary laborer at the Mint in Philadelphia, has been forwarded to the Superintendent of that institution with the request that favorable consideration be given your recommendation that, if possible, Mr. Cochran be given a permanent appointment. The Superintendent has been requested to report to this Bureau on the status of Mr. Cochran's case and that report will be forwarded to you upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Mary M. Rose

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1924.

Mr. F. T. Hodges,
Government Printing Office,
Mono Keyboard Section,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 17 please be advised that the coin authorized to be issued in commemoration of the soldiers of the South, and in memory of the late President Harding, will not be ready for several weeks. These coins, when ready, will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and application should be made to that body for the coins.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 17, 1924.

Mr. J. P. Moseley,
Box 66,
Eagleton, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am returning herewith sample of ore forwarded with your letter of November 11 and have to advise that the same contains no gold or precious metals, it being a sulphide of iron.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D. assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determing gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 17, 1924.

Mr. M. D. Garland,

Ringgold, Va.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the sample of ore forwarded with your letter of November 12 and have to advise that a visual examination indicates that the same contains no gold or precious metals.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 17, 1924.

Mr. Wm. T. Buxton,

Neosho, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 14 please be advised that in 1921 silver dollars of the old design were coined to the number of 56,730,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 18, 1924.

Richard H. Edmonds,
Manufacturers Record,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Nineteen twenty three world production gold three sixty six million nine forty thousand eight eighty four dollars Stop Silver two forty two million four eighteen thousand four ten ounces Not to be released before December first

O'Reilly
Acting Director Mint

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November 18, 1924.

Mr. Edw. J. Haynes,
Elks National Home,
Bedford, Virginia.

Sir:

I am returning herewith $1.00 forwarded with your letter of November 17 to cover the cost of one Harding memorial coin, and have to advise that the coin to be issued in commemoration of the soldiers of the South, and in memory of the late President will not be ready for several weeks. These coins, when ready, will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and will not be distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 18, 1924.

Mr. N. D. Bennett,

Le Junior, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 13 please be advised that specie payments were suspended about January 1, 1862 and both silver and gold coins disappeared from circulation. The place of the subsidiary coins was for a time supplied by private obligations, issued by merchants, manufacturers, etc. Congress later interfered and authorized the issue of fractional paper currency in denominations corresponding to the subsidiary silver coins. The Act resuming specie payment was approved January 14, 1875.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 18, 1924.

Rev. Edward R. Kelley,
Methodist Episcopal Church,
San Marcos, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 13 please be advised that it will be several weeks before the Stone Mountain memorial coin is ready. These coins, when ready, will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and application for the coins should be made to that body. They will not be distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1924.

Mr. James H. Harrington,
4658 Indiana Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 14 please be advised that memorial coins are distributed by the agents designated in the act authorizing their issue, and are not distributed by the Treasury Department.

The coins enumerated by you may be obtained from the agencies indicated below:

Maine -	State Treasurer, Augusta, Maine.
Pilgrim -	National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.
Missouri -	Sedalia Bank & Trust Co., Sedalia, Mo.
Alabama -	First National Bank, Birmingham, Ala.
Monroe -	Los Angeles Clearning House, Los Angeles, California.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 18, 1924.

Mr. Leonard H. Pryor, Superintendent,
The Glenwood Public Schools,
Glenwood, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 15 please be advised that in 1907 $7,458,340 in double eagles were issued without the motto "In God We Trust."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 18, 1924.

Mr. Samuel Sakol,
3543 Emerson Ave., So.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that any owner of gold may ~~may~~ dispose of his metal to the mints, when presented in the form of bullion and in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Silver, when required for subsidiary coinage, is purchased by the mints in the open market from the lowest bidder. The price of silver changes from day to day.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 18, 1924.

Mr. M. S. Dafoe,
Aetna Life Insurance Company,
Traction Terminal Building,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 15 I take pleasure in enclosing mimeographed circular of information concerning the currency of the United States, coin and paper. Your name has been placed on our mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint, which will be issued sometime this month.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1924.

Collect

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anufacturers Record,
altimore, Maryland.

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Acting Director

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 19, 1924.

Mr. J. M. Sayre,
Liberty Theatre Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 27 please be advised that $71,600 in one-cent pieces were coined at the Denver Mint during 1922. Quarters, dimes and nickels were not coined at any of the mints during that calendar year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 17, 1924.

Hon. Milton W. Shreve,
Erie, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of November 17 in which I stated that I would forward to you the report of the mint in the case of Mr. Joseph Cochran, I am enclosing copy of letter received today from Mr. Styer, Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, which is self-explanatory.

The mint will carry Mr. Cochran as a temporary employee as long as possible, and should he become eligible for a permanent appointment in the mint his satisfactory service will of course be in his favor.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1924.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your bill #G/10/14559, in amount $561.66, covering express charges on coin and bullion during the months of September and October, with request that bill be rendered this office for the items covered by Bills of Lading #304257 and #322445 only. Express charges on all shipments of uncurrent coin, as covered by Bills of Lading #397162 and #432067, are payable by the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants, and should be billed to that office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 20, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Regarding Certificate of Settlement number C-17576-T dated November 12, 1924, of the account of Isaac H. Smith, Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York, symbol 15080, for the period January 1 to March 31, 1924, the following is submitted:

It is noted that total of differences stated in Certificate of Settlement C-14222-T, August 15, 1924, $3.50, is carried to the settlement now in question. Explanation to remove this suspension of $3.50 was made in letter of this office dated September 13, 1924, also explanation with regard to "Advisory Note" on the certificate of settlement concerning deposit by the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office of $710.00 to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1923," per C. D. #43, October 1, 1923. As this advisory note is not carried forward to the settlement now under consideration it is presumed that our letter was received by you; information is therefore requested as to what further explanations are desired to remove the suspension of $3.50. The explanation given in our letter of September 13th applies also to vouchers #277, $1.70 and #392, $1.50 in favor of John F. Barkley & Co., which have been suspended in settlement C-17576-T of November 12, 1924. Purchase Method symbols applicable to all these vouchers are #3 of the method of advertising and letter "Q" of the form of agreement.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1924.

Mr. W. M. Valentin,
c/o Yeatman High School,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 15 please be advised that there is no mint in Washington. The coinage mints of the United States are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

This Bureau has no jurisdiction over the manufacture of paper money, and inquiries with respect to paper currency should be addressed to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1924.

The Quartermaster General of the Army,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia states that the Quartermaster's Department at Philadelphia is holding 3,863 yards of 10.50 ounce canvas 30" wide and 1,103½ yards of 8 ounce canvas, 29½" wide which was obligated to the Post Office Department by Form 36 dated July 31, 1924, S.P.D.E. - 12097 declared surplus by Q.M.S.O. 8/24/21. This canvas differed in weight, width and color to the needs of the Post Office and was released. Disposition was requested by the Quartermaster at Philadelphia in a letter to Q.M. Supply Officer, New York Intermediate Depot, October 24, 1924 but has not yet been given.

It is understood that this canvas was originally released to the Post Office Department at 17 cents a yard. Will you please advise this Bureau if your office is in position to release the canvas for sale to the Mint at Philadelphia at the same price, 17 cents.

As the matter is urgent with the Philadelphia Mint I would appreciate as early attention as possible.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 20, 1924.

Mr. J. G. Roberts,
Manager, Cash Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of November 14 addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this Bureau.

Your letter states you are forwarding to the Philadelphia Mint 74 pounds of bronze and 8 pounds of nickel coins which have been mutilated. Your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia as that officer is the one who handles remittances on these deposits.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 21, 1924.

Hon. Harry B. Hawes,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Hawes:

In response to your request of November 19 I have taken pleasure in placing the name of Mr. C. L. Krause, St. Louis Independent Packing Company, St. Louis, Mo., on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint. The Report is now in the hands of the printer and it is expected will be released for publication within a short time.

I am enclosing for your information copy of letter today addressed to Mr. Krause.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 21, 1924.

Mr. C. L. Krause,
St. Louis Independent Packing Company,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

In response to a request received from Hon. Harry B. Hawes I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint. The Report is now in the hands of the printer and it is expected will be released within a short time.

During the calendar year 1924, to date, 11,121,000 standard silver dollars have been coined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement C-17305-T, dated November 4, 1924, of the accounts of Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo., for the period February 1 to March 31, 1924.

In letter of this office to you dated June 25, 1924, concerning Certificate of Settlement #C-10870-T, May 25, 1924, of the same officer for the period December 3 to 31, 1923, in which suspensions were made of similar vouchers for the same reason as stated in settlement now under consideration, explanation was made that contract for telephone service was originally made to cover fiscal year 1923 but as the service rendered is by a public utility whose rates are fixed by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado and competition impossible to secure, new contracts for the fiscal year 1924 were not obtained, it being agreeable to all parties to continue under the contract as made for 1923. It is presumed that this letter was received by you because suspensions then under consideration have been removed. As the explanation given at that time (5 months ago) applies also to vouchers #158, $22.62 and #192, $20.40, in favor of the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co., suspended in the accounts now in question, information is requested as to what further explanations, if any, are desired for removal of these items.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1924.

Mr. Edward Sweeney,
34 West Jefferson Ave.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 20, 1924, please be advised that the Grant memorial coins were distributed by the U.S. Grant Memorial Centennial Association, 1012 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, and application for the coins should be made to that body.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1924.

Mr. F. Swensan,
Box 55, Route 1,
Dawson, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that no Liberty Head nickels were coined in 1913. In 1894 there were 24 dimes coined at the Mint in San Francisco. It is not known where a specimen of these ten-cent pieces might be obtained.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 22, 1924.

Mr. Louis Sloan,
607 Michigan Aveme,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of package forwarded by you said to contain scrap gold.

As there is no place in Washington where gold deposits are accepted by the Government I have today forwarded your package, unopened, to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, with the request that he communicate with you directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 22, 1924.

Mr. E. W. Winfrey, Jr.,
City Auditor,
City of Clifton Forge, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 21 please be advised that the coin you describe is a token or pattern piece which presents the likeness of Washington. For information as to the value placed upon the piece I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 22, 1924.

Miss Sarah E. Bohan,
325 Western Ave.,
Waterloo, Iowa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 18 please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins, and does not publish a list of coin dealers. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th St., New York City, for information regarding premium on coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 22, 1924.

Mr. Norman M. Griffin,
c/o Mr. A. F. Gifford,
No. Chichester, N.H.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 20 please be advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, will receive scrap gold in quantities valued at $100.00 and over. The Government is not in the market for silver scrap and does not purchase platinum.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, and charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 22, 1924.

Mr. Wm. B. Maitland,
4018 Carter Street,
Norwood, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 19 I take pleasure in enclosing circulars giving information relative to United States currency and medals.

No other documents are issued describing the workings of the mints. Details of coinage are not published by the Government.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 22, 1921.

Mr. Ray C. Robertson,

Clarke Mill, Indiana.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the piece of gold enclosed in your letter of November 17 and have to advise that there is no value in the letter. There such coins are accepted at the Treasury Office of the United States at their gold value when presented in quantities sufficient to make it worth while to express them in this manner.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 22, 1924.

Mr. Ray C. Peterson,

Clarks Hill, Indiana.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the piece of gold enclosed with your letter of November 17 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where such deposits are accepted by the Government. The Mints and Assay Offices of the United States purchase gold bullion when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 22, 1924.

Mr. A. Talman Hanson,

Sioux Falls, S.D.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the piece of dental gold forwarded with your letter of November 19 and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where deposits are accepted by the Government.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D. purchases gold bullion when presented in a sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. No allowance is made for platinum contained in gold deposits, as the Government does not purchase that metal.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1924.

Miss Ayls Brandolf,
166 De Page Street,
Elgin, Illinois.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 20 please be advised that the United States Mint at San Francisco coined $1,265,000 in ten dollar gold pieces during 1920. Coins are not kept segregated by years in the mints, and I would suggest that you make application to your bank for one of these coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 24, 1924.

Miss Rilla Evelyn Jackman,
729 Irving Avenue,
Syracuse, New York.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 20 I take pleasure in enclosing a list of the designers of the coins of the United States, of current design, indicating the year in which the coins were first struck.

With reference to your desire to illustrate the coins in a contemplated publication, please be advised that the illustrating of coins is prohibited. Whether or not the publication contemplated by you would form an exception within the meaning of Section 171 of the Penal Code, this office is not in position to say.

The design adopted for the Standard Silver Dollar in 1921, the so-called "Peace" dollar, is the current design for that denomination, many thousands of which have been coined each year since its adoption.

I am also enclosing a list of commemorative coins issued within recent years, indicating the name of the designer in each case.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1924.

Solicitor of the Treasury,
Interior Department Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing for examination as to legal sufficiency in form and execution a contract entered into by the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, with the Western Foundry Company to furnish the Mint with iron castings during the fiscal year 1925.

It is intended to substitute this contract for one now on file in the General Accounting Office for the reason that the service of furnishing the castings in the original contract was inadvertently carried at $0.06 per cwt., instead of $0.06 per pound.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1924.

Mr. Harold Dykstra,

South Haven, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 20 please be advised that the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins, and does not pass upon the numismatic value of rare pieces. I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York, for the information you seek.

Confederate notes are of no value except as curios.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1924.

Mr. Cecil Coleman,
Osterville School,
Osterville, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 21 please be advised that two types of quarter dollars were issued in 1917. A rearrangement of the stars on the coin was authorized by Act of Congress to improve the artistic merit of the piece. The type showing the stars below the eagle is the current design. Both types, of course, are legal.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 25, 1924.

Mr. Nathan Datherage,
Box 356,
Barbourville, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 22 please be advised that any owner of gold may deposit same with the United States Mint, if presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value, and receive payment for the same at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. A charge is deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 25, 1924.

Miss Maxine Spikes,
Box 441,
Fullerton, La.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 20

I have to advise that the United States does not publish any matter descriptive of money making.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 25, 1924.

Mr. Joe S. Barnett,
Box 234,
Covington, Oklahoma.

Sir:

The sample submitted with your letter of November 15 is almost pure copper and contains no precious metals. I am returning the ore under separate cover.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Entry 235 Vol 462

November 26, 1924.

William B. Dana Company,
Box No. 3 Wall Street Post Office,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 24 I have taken pleasure in causing your name to be placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint. A copy will be forwarded to you as soon as the Reports are received from the printer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 26, 1924.

Mr. Thos. F. Stafford,
612 Douglas Avenue,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 24 I take pleasure in enclosing pamphlet entitled "Information relating to United States Coins and Medals", together with a list of agents charged with the distribution of commemorative coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1924.

Mr. C. Vin White
Kenwood Park,
Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 21 please be advised that the publication entitled "Mint Processes of the United States" is entirely exhausted, having been out of print for many years.

I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1896 which contains the article to which you have reference. This Report has been spared from a very limited stock not for general distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1924.

Mr. Theodore Belote,
Curator of History,
United States National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your account for expenses in connection with your trip to New York and Philadelphia in the interest of the numismatic collection.

Will you please have your account made up on the enclosed form of voucher and forward copy of letter of authority to travel.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 19, 1924.

Mr. M. Eastman, Librarian,
Public Library,
Sacramento, California.

Sir:

Complying with your request of November 19 I have taken pleasure in placing your name on the mailing list to receive a copy of the forthcoming Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 28, 1924.

C. R. Ryder,

Pineora, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 26, please be advised that it is not expected that the Stone Mountain Memorial half dollars will be ready for distribution until after the holidays, the pressure on the mints for regular coins being extremely heavy at this time of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 28, 1924.

Miss Geneva Kitchens,
Fairhope, Alabama.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the pearl enclosed in your letter of November 25, with the information that this bureau does not test precious stones. It is suggested that you refer this request to the Secretary, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, for attention.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1924.

Federal Reserve Bank,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Your requisition No. 19133, dated November 25, 1924, covering part for basket of power gold weighing machine has been received in this bureau, the letter having been erroneously addressed to the United States Mint, Washington. The requisition, together with the attachment, have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia mint for attention.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 28, 1924.

Mr. Lincoln Osborne,
149 So. Knox Street,
Albany, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of November 24, please be advised that it is understood that President Washington objected to having his portrait on a coin.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 28, 1924.

Mr. J. E. Morton,
Iowa Loan & Trust Company,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your check for $5.00 inclosed in your letter addressed to the Treasury Department with the information that the Treasury Department does not distribute Huguenot Half Dollars. Application should be made to the Fifth National Bank, New York.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Entry 235 Vol 462

November 28, 1924.

The C. L. Downey Company,
941-943 Clark Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 25, please be advised that the cost of manufacturing dollars over a period of twenty years averaged $10 per thousand pieces.

I am taking pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, fiscal year 1923, on page 92 of which you will find the coinage by years since the beginning of the mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

November 29, 1924.

Mr. Allan I. Goldsmith,
Suite 510,
New Tremont Hotel,
16-18 Fulton Street,
Newark, N. J.

Sir:

Your letter of November 26, addressed to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office for attention.

In reply I would suggest that if your local banks will make application to the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, or to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, any number of new silver dollars may be obtained for distribution to the public. Should you have any further trouble in obtaining a supply of silver dollars from your local bank, please make application direct to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

R. O. Davis

Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 1, 1924.

Mr. R. Kohler,
70 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 25 please be advised that commemorative coins are not distributed by the Treasury Department. The coins are turned over by the Mint at face value to the agents designated in the respective Acts authorizing their issue for distribution. I am enclosing a list of recent issues of commemorative coins, indicating in each case the address of the agent from whom the coins may be obtained.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1924.

Mr. Henry E. Meisel,
716 North Fourth Street,
Manitowac, Wisconsin.

Sir:

The sample submitted with your letter of November 17 contains no silver but is made up almost entirely of tin with perhaps one or more base metals, as lead, etc. This bureau has no use or interest in this material and does not undertake to pass upon the value or classification of such alloys.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1924.

Miss Helen Mills,
Route No. 2,
Dayton, Ohio.

Madam:

Your letter of November 20 addressed to Hon. Roy G. Fitzgerald has been forwarded by him to this Bureau for attention. I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover matter describing the currency of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1924.

Hon. Roy G. Fitzgerald,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Fitzgerald:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of November 25 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to Miss Helen Mills, R.R. No. 2, Dayton, Ohio, information covering the operations of the Mints and the issue of money. Miss Mills has been advised that the pamphlets are being forwarded at your request.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 1, 1924.

Mr. R. S. Fuller,

Castle Rock, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 20 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Seattle will assay ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1924.

Mr. C. W. Handy, Vice-President,
Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Sir;

Replying to your letter of November 25 this office has taken pleasure in forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which has just been issued.

During the year 1924, 1,161,898 ounces of silver were delivered to the mint under the terms of the Pittman Act. The final delivery was made on September 29.

The estimate for the United States silver production will be ready some time late in December and an advance copy will be sent to you.

Only that silver contained in regular gold deposits has been purchased during the year. This silver has been used for subsidiary silver coin. Approximately 3,250,000 ounces of silver were purchased in this way.

Respectfully,

December 2, 1924.

Mr. John T. Doyle, Secretary,
United States Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of a copy of your letter of November 26 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury with reference to the Department's letter of October 30, requesting the insertion in the Regulations for the Mints and Assay Offices immediately following the heading, "I.- Schedules of Positions," the following paragraph:

> Whenever the Director of the Mint shall state that he deems it advisable that rigid tests of character and integrity be applied to eligibles certified for filling a position, only those satisfactorily meeting such tests shall be certified for appointment.

It is noted that the amendment conforms with the suggestion contained in the Department's letter. Thank you for your courtesy in forwarding a copy of this letter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1924.

Mr. L. F. Mittler,
327 W. Church Street,
Galion, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 28 please be advised that the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary commemorative coin was issued early in the current fiscal year. This coin may be obtained from the Fifth National Bank of New York City.

Your name has been forwarded to the Government Printing Office with the request that a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint be mailed to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1924.

Mr. Geo. L. Crawford,
10626 Elgin Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

I have your letter of recent date requesting appointment as a member of the Annual Assay Commission, which meets at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, on the second Wednesday in February.

Your name has been placed on the list to be submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to the President for his consideration some time in January.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1924.

Mr. E. A. Palmer,

Tiverton, Rhode Island.

Sir:

Your letter of November 28 addressed to the Bureau of Standards has been forwarded to this Bureau for reply to that portion of it referring to an automatic coin device. This Bureau has no knowledge of a device which would serve the purpose indicated in your letter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1924.

Mr. George J. Brosnan,
R.F.D. No. 2, Box 104,
Dowagiac, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 28 please be advised that the five-cent piece you describe was first coined in 1866. The type, with slight modifications, was continued until 1883.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1924.

Mr. V. W. Marshall,

Williamsport, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 29 please be advised that the Presidential medals are on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, and application for the set should be made to the Superintendent of that institution. The medals in bronze are sold for $1.00 each.

I am enclosing a circular of information covering coins and medals of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 2, 1924.

Miss Lily May Spencer,
Broken Arrow High School,
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 20 please be advised that the coinage of silver is made on Government account only. The coinage of subsidiary silver is limited to the amount required by the banks for commercial purposes. The mints of the United States do not coin bullion for individuals, companies or corporations.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 2, 1924.

Mr. Miles Klement,
College View, Nebraska.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 26 please be advised that this Bureau has no knowledge of any contemplated action looking to the accomplishment of an international coinage act, having a standard by which all governments would pay their debts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1924.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find your bill #G/10/14560, in amount $2.27, covering express charges on 87.419 fine ounces gold, value $1,806.95, from Washington, D. C. to New York City, September 16, 1924. Charges on this bill appear to be incorrectly assessed and in excess of rates prescribed for gold bullion in Official Express Classification No. 28.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1924.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company,
Broad Street Station,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find your bill #9/290/112, in amount $14.26. Shipment covered by Bill of Lading #429159, household goods, etc., Norfolk, Va. to Philadelphia, Pa. is not payable by this office. Corrected bill covering shipment per Bill of Lading #449576, 5 bbls. small cleanser, Brooklyn, N. Y. to Philadelphia, Pa. should be rendered this office and same will be immediately passed for settlement by the General Accounting Office.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1924.

Federal Reserve Board,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find vouchers of the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., in amount $1.26 and $8.10, covering postage and registry fees on shipment of $5,000.00 in quarter eagles to the Federal Reserve Bank, St. Louis, Mo, and $100,000.00 in eagles to the Federal Reserve Branch Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., respectively, November 26, 1924. Kindly draw check in payment in favor of the "Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa." and forward same direct to that officer.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1924.

Mr. Fletcher Cooper,
Editor,
World Almanac,
New York, New York.

Sir:

In conformity with your request of December 2 for data on the world production of gold and silver, I am forwarding you under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924 just off the press. The data requested in your letter may be found on pages 220, 221, and 222.

Other data which from time to time is requested by you for inclusion in the Almanac may be found on other pages in the Annual Report.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rawlins

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 4, 1924.

Hon. Elmer O. Leatherwood,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Leatherwood:

In response to your telephone request there is forwarded a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924, on page 7 of which you will find a table giving the number of deposits of gold and silver and the coining value of the same for the period indicated, received at the Assay Offices at Boise and Salt Lake.

There is also enclosed a table showing the number of deposits received from July to September, together with the coining value of the gold and silver contained in the same, and also a statement showing the special ore assay receipts for the fiscal year 1924, and from July to September, 1924, at the same institutions.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1924.

Mr. J. W. Emery,
121 West Delaware Avenue,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 1 please be advised that from 1854 to 1889 $1,619,376 in three dollar gold pieces were coined and placed in circulation. These coins were never recalled.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 4, 1924.

Mr. Chas. Q. Eldredge,

Old Mystic, Connecticut.

Sir:

Your letter of December 1st addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention. The mints of the United States are without authority to pay out money except on the order of the Treasurer of the United States. In any case, defective coins could not be supplied. I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Under date of September 26, 1924, this Bureau forwarded to your office for file among other contracts that of the Western Iron Foundry Company for castings to be supplied to the United States Mint at Denver during the current fiscal year. Through an inadvertence this service was carried at $0.06 per cwt., instead of $0.06 per pound.

A new contract has been entered into and approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, which is enclosed, and which it is requested be substituted for the contract forwarded to you under date of September 26.

Will you please surrender the old contract to this office or notify us that the substitution has been made.

Respectfully,

John O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1924.

Mrs. Wm. K. Jackson,
2202 Richmond Ave.,
Augusta, Georgia.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 28 please be advised that the Mints of the United purchase jewelry scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Smaller deposits are not accepted. Gold bullion is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, and charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 4, 1924.

First National Bank,

Bernville, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your December 2 please be advised that during the current calendar year, to date, the following denominations of coins have been struck:

Double Eagles
Standard Silver Dollars
Half Dollars (including Huguenot-Walloon)
Quarter Dollars
Dimes
Five-Cent pieces
One-Cent pieces

During the calendar year 1923 half dollars, other than the Monroe Doctrine half dollars, were coined at the United States Mint at San Francisco.

Application for ~~gold~~ all coins should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1924.

Mr. E. C. Eliett, Cashier,
The United States National Bank,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 1 requesting that certain new silver pieces be shipped to your bank.

Your letter has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States, that officer having charge of the distribution of coins.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 5, 1924.

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Memorandum for Supervising Architect's Office:

The Mint Service portion of the contract with the Research Corporation for installing the Cottrell Electrical Precipitator, etc., in the Assay Office at New York is $25,000, of which $20,700 has been paid, leaving a balance due of $2,300. This is payable from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1922.

Herewith is blank voucher form of the Mint Service for your use in preparing voucher, which you will kindly return to this office.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1924.

Mr. Hamley J. Kaye,
38 Morgan House,
University of Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 3 please be advised that the Department does not issue any information covering the subject matter of your inquiry, other than that contained in the Report of the Director of the Mint, a copy of which is being forwarded to you.

It is suggested that the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce may be of assistance to you in obtaining information relative to the marketing of silver and the channels of trade through which it passes.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 5, 1924.

Mr. C. W. Handy, Vice President,
Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Handy:

I am glad that the information forwarded to you on December 2 was of service.

If you will be kind enough to send three copies of your pamphlet this Bureau will greatly appreciate it.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1924.

Mr. Tadao Wikawa,
Japanese Financial Commission,
Equitable Building,
New York City.

Sir:

I am directed by the Director of the Mint to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 28, 1924, forwarding a copy of the "Report of the Director of the Imperial Mint". The Director appreciates your courtesy in forwarding this Report which will be of much service to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 5, 1924.

Mr. Charles Tim,

Prattsville, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the specimen of ore enclosed with your letter of December 3 and have to advise that a visual examination indicates that the same contains no precious metals.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

D. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 5, 1924.

Hon. Frederick W. Dallinger,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Dallinger:

In accordance with your verbal request of today I am pleased to submit a list of artists who have designed recent issues of memorial coins:

Robert I. Aitken	154 West 55th Street, New York City.
Chester Beach	207 E. 17th Street, New York City.
Gutzon Borglum	Stamford, Connecticut.
Cyrus E. Dallin	Arlington, Mass.
Anthony de Francisci	24 West 60th Street, New York City.
Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser	3 MacDougal Alley, New York City.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 5, 1924.

Mr. P. W. Darby, Vice President,
The Marine Trust Company of Buffalo,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of December 2 addressed to Hon. R. T. Baker has been received. Mr. Baker retired from the office of Director of the Mint nearly three years ago.

Your letter ha been referred to the Treasurer of the United States, a that officer has charge of the distribution of coin.

Rspectfully,

F M O'Reilly

cting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 6, 1924.

Mrs. Clara E. Griffee,
P. O. B. 40,
Williamston, New Jersey.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 3 please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and does not publish a list of coin dealers or collectors. In 1884 silver dollars to the number of 28,136,875 were coined.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1924.

Mr. S. H. P. Pell,
16 East 43rd St.,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of December 3 addressed to the President has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The medals of Presidents Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson and Harding are available at the Mint in Philadelphia. The set of Presidential metals is complete, including that of President Coolidge. Application for the medals should be made to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. They are sold for $1.00 each.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1924.

Mr. Frank Morey,
458 West 131 St.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 4 please be advised that German marks are not accepted in circulation in the United States. I am unable to advise you what value they have in Germany.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1924.

Mr. Vernon Baker,
c/o Mr. A. J. Wheeler,
Hoopup, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 2 please be advised that the part of the coin of which you speak is known as the "reeded edge". Nickel coins of the United States have never been reeded.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1924.

Mr. Vernon Baker,
c/o Mr. A. J. Wheeler,
Hoopup, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 2 please be advised that the part of the coin of which you speak is known as the "reeded edge". Nickel coins of the United States have never been reeded.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 5, 1924.

Mr. P. W. Darby, Vice President,
The Marine Trust Company of Buffalo,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Referring further to your letter of December 2 in regard to $2.50 gold pieces, stated in our letter of December 5 to have been referred to the Treasurer of the United States for reply, please be advised that it is the general policy of the Treasury to distribute all coins available for circulation through the Federal Reserve Banks and branches and it is suggested, therefore, that you communicate with the Federal Reserve Bank in your district, which bank may be able to furnish you with a few of the coins desired. In this connection, however, attention is called to the fact that gold in the denomination of $2.50 has not been coined for several years past and the supply in Treasury offices is practically exhausted. It is, furthermore, the Treasury's policy not to resume the coinage of $2.50 gold coins in view of the fact that the deman for them is based rather on sentiment than on utility and on account of the relatively large amount of abrasion involved in their circulation and the tendency of gold coins in this denomination to disappear through circulation.

Respectfully,

M. McReels

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1924.

Mr. Gerald E. Hager,

Celina, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 2 please be advised that Mr. Bela L. Pratt designed the five dollar gold piece to which you have reference. This design was adopted in 1908.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1924.

Secretary, International Exchange Service,
Smithsonian Institute,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Under separate cover I am forwarding Reports of the Director of the Mint in two packages, separately addressed, which it is requested you kindly forward through your Service. The Reports are addressed to Dr. Arthur Heichen, Berlin-Wilmersdorf, Jannerstr 9., and Mr. P. L. Nsu, Professor of Political Economy, Chiao-Tung-Pa Nanyang University, 862 Avenue Haig, Shanghai, China.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 6, 1924.

Hon. John C. Schafer,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Schafer: (File Joseph L. Sommer)

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 4 addressed to the Treasury Department, and referred to this Bureau for attention, in which you state that one of your constituents is desirous of obtaining a book published by the Treasury Department covering the valuation of old coins. No publication of this nature is issued by the Treasury Department. The Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins, and does not publish a list of coin dealers. I would suggest that your constituent be advised to write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, for the information he desires.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 8, 1924.

Mr. Henry M. Feder,
50 Memorial Tower,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 6 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, which is the only document covering any branches of the subject of your letter, issued by this Department.

For further information I would suggest that you write to the following refining companies:

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York City.

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York City.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway, New York City.

Respectfully,

W. M. Ridley

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 8, 1924.

Miss Maralee Hejnal,
2039 Park Road,
Washington, D.C.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 7 I have taken pleasure in causing your name to be forwarded to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, to receive a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924. This Report covers all phases of the work of this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1924.

Hon. H. P. Fulmer,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Fulmer:

Replying to your letter of December 6 please be advised that foreign gold coins are received as bullion only when presented in sums of $100.00 or over. Charges for preparing the material for our coinage purposes are deducted from the deposit. Complying with requirements as to value, deposits are accepted at the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, or at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

Mint O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 8, 1924.

Mr. Lee Lamar Robinson,
232 Woodward Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 5 I have taken pleasure in causing your name to be forwarded to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, to receive a copy of the last Report of the Director of the Mint.

For further information covering the subjects you mention I would suggest that you address the following smelting and refining companies:

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York City.

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Co.,
120 Broadway, New York City.

United Metals Selling Company,
25 Broadway, New York City.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1924.

The Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This Bureau is forwarding today, by registered mail, a package containing three cases of weights kept specifically for use of the Assay Commission which meets in the Mint at Philadelphia on the second Wednesday in February. Will you please cause the weights to be compared with the legal standard and returned to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1924.

Mr. Ray Sauls,

Saulsbury, Tennessee.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the McKinley memorial coins were turned over to the McKinley Memorial Association, Niles, Ohio, for distribution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 8, 1924.

Mr. Cornelius Donovan, President,
The Legal Tender League of New York,
1165 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 5 I take pleasure in enclosing a Circulation Statement as of November 1, 1924, issued by the Division of Loans and Currency, Treasury Department, showing the stock of gold coin and bullion held by the United States.

Respectfully,

H. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1924.

Director of Supply,
Bureau of Supply,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of December 6, 1924, there is submitted herewith statement showing complete expenditures for transportation made by this office during the fiscal year 1924:

Passenger	Freight	Express
$2,466.13	$7.68	$15.87

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Entry 235 Vol 462

December 9, 1924.

Honorable A. H. Vestal, M. C.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Vestal:

I am sorry to have to bring to your attention the following remarks quoted from a Certificate of Settlement of the General Accounting Office, wherein suspension of credit was made of $32.60 in the accounts of the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., covering your travel and subsistence expenses while acting as a member of the Annual Assay Commission at Philadelphia in February, 1924:

"446 A. H. Vestal, Washington, D. C.
Travel expenses as follows:

2-12-24	Railroad and Pullman, Washington to Phila.	$8.40
2-14-24	Return trip	8.40
	Hotel accomodation in Phila.	8.00
	Meals in Phila.	6.00
	Taxi to and from U.S.Mint	1.80

Voucher should be fully itemized, showing date each item of expense was incurred, day and hour of departing from and arriving at official station, etc., in accordance with Travel Regulations, March 29, 1922, par. 23.
The use of taxicabs when street cars are available is not authorized in the absence of a showing of the necessity for such service. Suspended-$32.60"

Copy of Treasury Travel Regulations, March 29, 1922, referred to, is enclosed for your information. (See paragraphs 3, 11, 23, 25, and 26.)

Will you kindly provide the information asked for by the Comptroller General in order that the accounts may be cleared.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Entry 235 Vol 462

December 10, 1924.

Mr. John B. Scully, Vice President,
Ness, Scully & Forshay, Inc.,
111 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 8 requesting the release of a few hundred $2.50 gold pieces.

In reply you are advised that it is the general policy of the Treasury to distribute all coins available for circulation through the Federal reserve banks and branches and it is suggested, therefore, that you communicate with the Federal Reserve Bank in your district, which bank may be able to furnish you with a few of the coins desired. In this connection, however, attention is called to the fact that gold in the denomination of $2.50 has not been coined for several years past and the supply in Treasury offices is practically exhausted. It is, furthermore, the Treasury's policy not to resume the coinage of $2.50 gold coins in view of the fact that the demand for them is based rather on sentiment than on utility and on account of the relatively large amount of abrasion involved in their circulation and the tendency of gold coins in this denomination to disappear through circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1924.

Hon. O. B. Burtness,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Burtness:

Replying to your letter of December 6 I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint to be mailed to Mr. C.W. Lewis, Lakota, North Dakota, and have advised Mr. Lewis that the copy is being forwarded at your request.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1924.

Mr. Harry G. Rockey,
521 Stevens Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 8 please be advised that the United States Assay Office, 32 Wall Street, New York City, purchases dental scrap (gold) when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes, and the deposit is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine. No allowance is made for platinum contained in such deposits.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1924.

Hon. Walter F. Lineberger,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Lineberger:

Replying to your letter of December 7 please be advised that Hon. M. J. Kelly was appointed Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco under date of June 6, 1921. Mr. John McCabe was appointed Assayer at the same institution under date of June 22, 1921.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1924.

Hon. H. P. Fulmer,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Fulmer:

I have your letter of December 9 enclosing a letter received by you from Mr. Cecil Sozard, who desires to dispose of Mexican money.

If the money is in the form of coin and should be received by the mint it would be necessary to melt it to determine its exact value and deduct a melting charge of $1.00 from the value found. The Mint cannot, as you are aware, exchange the coin for American money, except by receiving it as bullion and melting it up. The Mints are not required to accept deposits of gold which do not approximate or exceed $100.00 in value. The Government is not in the market for silver, and only such silver is purchased as is contained in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 10, 1924.

Lazard Freres,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 9 I have to advise you that it will be necessary to make application to the Treasurer of the United States for the coins desired by one of your clients. The mints are not authorized to pay out coins without authority from the Treasurer. It is believed there will be no difficulty in procuring a set of the coins by making application to the officer named.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1924.

Mr. George E. Roberts,
The National City Bank,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I have your letter of December 9 enclosing a letter from Mrs. Ruth Culbertson relative to the devices on certain issues of the one dollar note.

The Department has received many letters of this kind relative to the devices on this one dollar bill. There is, of course, no truth in the statement. None of the devices described actually appear on the bills. The story was given circulation merely to deceive the ignorant and arouse prejudice. It must be admitted that the letters of inquiry have come only from people quite uninformed and open to prejudice of this kind. The story had nothing to do with the affairs of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Very truly yours,

December 10, 1924.

Hon. Clarence Cannon,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Cannon:

I have your letter of December 4 enclosing a letter from Rev. Agatho Anklin requesting information as to the design of the New Netherlands coin.

The Act authorizing the issue of this coin provided that the Government should not be put to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for the coinage. The design was submitted by the society interested in the issue of these coins and was approved by the Fine Arts Commission. It is customary when special coins are authorized by Congress to allow the association bringing about the legislation to submit models to be placed thereon. These special coins are sold at a premium and are not put in general circulation. The Department has no reason to believe that there was any intention to reflect on any religious sect.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 10, 1924.

Mr. Edward H. Elliot,

Chartley, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 8 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 10, 1924.

Dr. S. J. Thompson,
Box 1472,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of December 9 please be advised that the following silver and minor coins have been struck at the mints during the current calendar year:

Philadelphia Mint
Standard Silver Dollars
Half Dollars
Quarter Dollars
Dimes
Five Cent pieces
One Cent pieces

San Francisco Mint

Standard Silver Dollars
Quarter Dollars
Dimes
Five Cent pieces
One Cent pieces

Denver Mint

Quarter dollars
Dimes
Five Cent pieces

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1924.

Hon. Adam M. Wyant,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to your request of December 9 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to Miss Virginia A. Daniels, Latrobe, Pa., a circulation of information relative to the paper money and coins of the United States. Miss Daniels has been advised that the literature is being forwarded at your request.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 10, 1924.

Miss Virginia A. Daniels,
R. D. No. 3, Box 52,
Latrobe, Pa.

Madam:

At the request of Hon. Adam M. Wyant I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover information relating to the paper currency and coins of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1924.

Mr. C. W. Lewis,

Lakota, N.D.

Sir:

Complying with a request received from Hon. O. H. Burtness I have today taken pleasure in forwarding your name to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, to receive a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1924.

Mr. Delbert,
Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Complying with your verbal request I am enclosing five photostat copies of the "Regulations governing appointments to and promotions and transfers in the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States, approved April 18, 1910."

This office has no further copies of the printed regulations.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1924.

Mr. Edward Nelson Dingley,
Finance Committee Rooms,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Complying with your request of December 10 I have taken pleausre in forwarding to you under separate cover today a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 11, 1924.

Mr. Maurice A. Nehemiah,
326 Wyandotte Street,
Bethlehem, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 10, relative to purchases of silver under the Act of April 23, 1918. Your letter of the same date addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury covering the same subject matter has also been referred to this Bureau.

The Annual Reports of the Secretary of the Treasury from the fiscal year, 1918 to the fiscal year, 1924, cover the operations of the Treasury Department in carrying out the provisions of the Pittman Act. No doubt you have access to these Reports in the library of Lehigh University; if not, they are sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 11, 1924.

Secretary, International Exchange Service,
Smithsonian Institute,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am transmitting under separate cover two sets of Reports of the Director of the Mint, addressed as indicated below, which I will kindly ask you to forward through your Service:

Mr. D. J. Wansink, Editor-Secretary,
Institut Voor Economische Geschriften,
Rotterdam, Holland.

Chief of the Service of Documentation,
Institut De Sociologie,
Bruxelles, Belgium.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1924.

Mr. D. J. Wansink, Editor-Secretary,
Instituut Voor Economische Geschriften,
Rotterdam, Holland.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 1, 1924, requesting copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years ended June, 1923, and June, 1924.

I have taken pleasure in causing copies of these Reports to be forwarded to you today through the International Exchange Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1924.

Chief of the Service of Documentation,
Institut De Sociologie,
Bruxelles, Belgium.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 29, 1924, requesting copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years ended June, 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924.

I have taken pleasure in causing copies of these Reports to be forwarded to you today through the International Exchange Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 11, 1924.

Mr. William H. Conklin,
Assistant Director,
United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 3 (0.82-AJH-clb) in regard to dental sweeps shipped to the different mints and assay offices of the United States, please be advised that such scrap usually runs high in gold, 800 or 900 fine, sometimes better. We cannot accept any sweeps or scrap of any kind that does not contain at least 200 parts of precious metal, either gold or silver or both. The scrap does not have to be melted into bars or kings, but should be fairly well cleaned. It may be that the sweeps you are sending to the Philadelphia Mint contain too much dirt. Otherwise I do not understand why they are not accepted. I will take the matter up with the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully yours,

M. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1924.

Hon. Wesley L. Jones,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Jones:

Your letter of December 9 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

In response to your request I take pleasure in transmitting herewith a copy of each of the letters requested in Mrs. Wiltse's letter. These are exact copies taken from the records of this Bureau.

I am returning Mrs. Wiltse's letter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1924.

Hon. Mell G. Underwood,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Underwood;

Replying to your letter of December 11 requesting that a copy of the publication entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint" be forwarded to Miss Mary Wilder, Librarian, Public Library, Circleville, Ohio, please be advised that this publication is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, for $1.00 a copy. I regret that this Bureau has no copies of this document for gratuitous distribution.

The Government collection covered by the volume referred to has been lent by the Philadelphia Mint to the National Museum and is now on display at that institution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1924.

Hon. Licandro Lopez,
Treasurer General,
Republic of San Salvador,
Central America.

Sir:

Your letter of November 14 enclosing a check for $15,000, duplicate of which was received at a later date, is hereby acknowledged.

I am herewith returning the original and duplicate checks drawn on the Banco Occidental, San Salvador, for the reason that it is now understood you desire to have Dr. Don Salvador Rodreguez, Consul of Salvador, 341 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, act as your agent to receive and make payment for the coins at the Mint in San Francisco. It would therefore appear to be more convenient to have any money transactions carried on through your agent at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1934.

Research Corporation,
25 West 43rd Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find voucher, in amount $2,300.00, covering balance payable from funds under the control of this office on account of Cottrell Electrical Precipitation Installation, etc., at the New York Assay Office.

Kindly sign voucher in place opposite check mark and return to this office when it will be passed for settlement by the General Accounting Office.

The appropriation from which the bill is payable (for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1922) lapsed June 30th last, in accordance with statute, and your receipt of check will be delayed for some time - until appropriation of the amount is made by Congress.

Regretting this further, and unavoidable, delay in the final settlement of the account, I am

Respectfully,

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R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 12, 1924.

Hon. William H. King,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I am returning herewith the telegram which accompanied your letter of December 10th concerning the Salt Lake City Assay Office.

Enclosed you will find a tabulation showing the business of the Assay Office during the past five years. During this period the deposits of bullion have averaged about one in each two working days. The 1924 values received are much higher than the average of the prior years; the gold increase comes from Oregon and the silver increase from Nevada. Probably both sources could with equal facility ship to Carson City or to Boise. Utah is not prominent as a source of bullion deposits at Salt Lake City.

The special assays for the five year period average 525 in number, less than two per day, while the cash receipts average $262.00 per year for the five year period. During the past two years special assays have been diverted from busy eastern mint service institutions to Salt Lake City and Deadwood Assay Offices, and inquiries received by the Director's Office from all parts of the country, as to where ore assays may be made, are referred to those offices.

A routine report just received from the Salt Lake City Assay Office shows no cash receipts nor payments whatever during the 7 day period December 1 to 7 inclusive, except payment of employees and other expenses on December 1st.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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Business of U. S. Assay Office at Salt Lake City, 1920 to 1924.

	Calendar Years				
	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Number of deposits of bullion-	1/ 115	117	147	133	255
Value of deposits of bullion (gold and silver).- - - - - -	1/ $94,212.01	$8,999.97	$15,088.36	$23,528.53	$15,689.32

	Fiscal Years ended June 30th				
	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Number of special assays of ores, etc., including those for the land offices, geological survey and forest service- - - - - - - - - - -	633	667	464	337	504
Receipts from special assays- -	$354.00	$339.00	$150.00	$182.00	$266.00

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December 13, 1924.

Mr. Giles R. Anderson,
P. O. Box 888,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 12 please be advised that application for the coins you desire should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., as the mints are not permitted to pay out coins except on the order of that officer.

The Mint at Philadelphia has coined all denominations from the one-cent piece to the standard silver dollar. The fifty-cent pieces coined were Huguenot-Walloon commemorative coins. The San Francisco Mint has coined these denominations, with the exception of the fifty-cent piece. The Mint at Denver has coined quarter dollars, dimes and five-cent pieces.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 13, 1924.

Mrs. Marion W. Fry,
Statistical Department,
Lazard Freres,
New York City.

Madam:

Complying with your request of December 11 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924, to be forwarded to the Librarian of All Souls' College, Oxford, and have placed their name on our mailing list to receive future copies of this Report.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1924.

Mr. Theodore Belote,
Curator of History,
United States National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 5 covering an account of the work accomplished by you in New York and Philadelphia in the interest of the numismatic collection now lent to the National Museum by the Treasury Department.

The appropriation for augmenting the coin collection is limited to $1,000. Of that amount approximately $250.00 has already been incurred. For that reason I have to request that the list submitted by you totaling $1,073.50 be revised so that it will not exceed $750.00.

This letter will be authority for you to expend not to exceed that sum for the current fiscal year under the above appropriation. The purchases will be a proper charge against the contingent fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Please advise the Bureau how many vouchers you will require for the use of the dealers from whom you expect to make purchases.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1924.

Dr. William Van Valzah Hayes,
772 Park Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 10, addressed to Hon. C. S. Dewey, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and referred by him to this Bureau for attention.

Regarding your suggestion that a coin be made of a combination of gold and copper to take the place of the silver dollar, the coin to be made up of approximately $1.00 worth of gold, I would call your attention to the fact that at the present market price of silver the value of the silver content of the silver dollar is approximately 54 cents. A gold coin in circulation abrades rapidly and the loss in weight is sustained by the public. It would therefore be a very wasteful coin to put in general circulation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1924.

Mr. C. L. Meadows,
Box 218,
Kingsport, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 11 please be advised that the Treasurer of the United States pays out at face value such gold coins as are available for distribution. It is not unlawful to sell coins at a premium.

No premium is paid by the Government for any coins, and the Department has no knowledge of the premiums paid by coin dealers and collectors for old coins. For information on this subject I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1924.

Mr. R. Scherrer,
3811 71st St.,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1924.

Mr. Robert L. Pearl,
Bond-Foley Lumber Co.,
Bond, Jackson County, Ky.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public.

The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1924.

Mr. George Patac,
Smithtown Branch,
Long Island, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Mints no longer manufacture proof coins.

I am enclosing a list of recent commemorative coins, indicating the address of the distributing agent in each case.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1924.

Mr. M. L. Beistle,
The Beistle Company,
Shippensburg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 12 please be advised that no half dollars have been coined at the San Francisco or Denver mints during the current calendar year.

The only half dollars coined at the mint at Philadelphia during the calendar year 1924, to December 13, were the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary pieces. These coins may be obtained from the Fifth National Bank, New York City. It is understood they are sold at a premium.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1924.

Mr. Joel Clore,
142 Oak Street,
Ludlow, Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the average price of silver during the calendar year 1920 was $1.01940 per fine ounce.

No silver dollars were coined in 1920.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1924.

The Mines Handbook,
Tuckahoe, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Under date of June 16, 1924, this office forwarded you formal order for one copy of "The Mines Handbook", volume XVI, $15.00. We were advised by you in letter dated April 15, 1924 that same would be ready for distribution about August 1st. As the volume has not yet been received, information as to when it can be expected will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1924.

Mr. Joseph L. Buttenwieser,
200 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 12 relative to procuring gold coins of the denomination of $2.50.

In reply you are advised that it is the general policy of the Treasury to distribute all coins available for circulation through the Federal reserve banks and branches and it is suggested, therefore, that you communicate with the Federal Reserve Bank in your district, which bank may be able to furnish you with a few of the coins desired.

The reason no coinage of this denomination has been executed for several years is that the demand for it appears to be confined to a brief period during the holiday season and is based rather on sentiment than on utility, and furthermore on account of the relatively large amount of abrasion involved in their circulation and the tendency of gold coins of this denomination to disappear through circulation.

Respectfully,

F. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1924.

Miss Alice Nutter,
R.F.D. No. 2,
Croydon, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 15 please be advised that the coinage mints of the United States are located at Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco. All are active in the coinage of money. There is no mint in Washington.

Paper currency is manufactured at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C. The Director of that Bureau should be addressed for information on the subject of paper money.

Congress designated the gold dollar as the standard of value by the act approved March 14, 1900.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 16, 1924.

Mr. F. V. Nollow,
20 McDonough Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 14 please be advised that no gold coins in the denominations of $5.00 or $10.00 were coined during the current calendar year. Gold coins in the denomination of $20.00 may be obtained upon request to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 16, 1924.

Mr. Dean L. Garrison,
5360 Hyde Park Blvd.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 11, I have to submit the following:

One-cent pieces in the amount of $71,500 were coined at the Denver Mint during the calendar year 1922.

The initials V.D.B. are those of the designer of the current one-cent piece, Victor D. Brenner.

One-cent pieces were issued in 1860, 1862, 1866-69, 1871-2, 1876-3.

Coins are not kept segregated by years in the mints.

The ten-cent piece of current issue was first struck in 1916. No coins have ever been "called in" by the Government.

No dimes were coined during the calendar year 1922.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1924.

Mr. G. M. Kennedy, Cashier,
The Day and Night Bank,
Williamson, West Virginia.

Sir:

Your letter of December 11 addressed to the Division of Coins and Currency has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

There are no coins available which this Bureau could lend to you, as you suggest. We regret to be unable to conform to your request.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1924.

L. Black Company,

Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 11 please be advised that the Mints of the United States, located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco, and the United States Assay Office at 32 Wall Street, New York City, accept deposits of gold scrap when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Charges are imposed for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Deposits are received in exchange for gold bars or coin, and payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

There is no place in Washington where such deposits are received.

Respectfully,

H. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 16, 1924.

Hon. Ogden L. Mills,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Mills:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 13 requesting permission for Mrs. H. Roswell Bates and children to visit the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

For the purpose of more closely guarding the large amount of coin and bullion on hand all of the Mints and Assay Offices have been closed to visitors for an indefinite period. I should like to accede to your request but I feel sure you will appreciate the urgent need of the precaution now being exercised, and the position of the Department in its effort to adhere impartially to the decision to close the Mints to visitors for the present.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1924.

Mr. Alfred Bagby, Jr.,
111 N. Charles St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 11 relative to subscriptions in connection with the work at Stone Mountain, Atlanta, Ga., I would suggest that you write to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, as this Department is without information on the subject of your inquiry.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 16, 1924.

Mr. W. M. Peaks,
Atlantic Union College,
North Lancaster, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 12 please be advised that the coining of the large one-cent piece was discontinued in 1857. The coining of half-cent pieces was discontinued in 1857, and three-cent pieces in 1889.

Once a new design for coins has been adopted it cannot be changed within twenty five years, except by act of Congress.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 16, 1924.

G. F. Schmermund Company,
300 Broadway,
Greenville, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of package containing jewelry scrap forwarded by you. As there is no place in Washington where deposits of this nature are accepted by the Government I have today mailed the same to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and have requested the Superintendent of that institution to communicate with you directly regarding the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 16, 1924.

Mr. W. R. Ingalls,
115 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Silver receipts of the mints during the month of November, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Domestic unrefined bullion	-	56,259.77	fine ozs.
Foreign " "	-	135,276.25	" "
Foreign silver coin	-	45,781.93	" "

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 16, 1924.

Survey of Current Business,
Bureau of Census,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver receipts of the mints during the month of November, 1924, for the classification indicated, were as follows:

Unrefined domestic gold - 106,488.007 fine ozs.
Unrefined domestic silver - 56,259.77 " "

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 17, 1924.

Mr. S. W. Holler,

Cloverton, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 11 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 17, 1924.

Mr. William Katzin,
6712 21st Avenue,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that a quarter dollar contains 100 parts copper and 900 parts silver. The weight of the silver content is 86.8050 grains. The price of an ounce of silver on the market today is approximately 69 cents. The cost of coining quarter dollars is estimated to be approximately $4.50 per 1000 pieces.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 17, 1924.

Mr. Hudson B. Hastings,
Department of Administrative Engineering,
Yale University,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:

In response to your letter of December 15 I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924, which contains the information you seek.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 17, 1924.

Mr. Carl W. Art,
214 Peyton Building,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 10 addressed to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury relative to the propaganda for the circulation of silver dollars, I am enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. W. W. Head, President, American Bankers' Association, which would appear to cover the subject matter of your inquiry.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 19, 1924.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your bill #G/11/15834, in amount $215.45, covering express and excess value charges on shipment of one cent pieces, value $5,000.00, Denver, Colo. to Dallas, Tex., October 30, 1924, on Government Bill of Lading #T-334110, is herewith returned. Charges on this shipment have apparently been collected from consignee as is evidenced by "Receipt for Charges Collected From Consignee", dated November 5, 1924, which receipt is attached to original bill of lading.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Entry 235 Vol 462

December 19, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find Deposit Certificate No. 3078, together with Receipt for Bullion, in favor of Paul Boscia, which I will thank you to file with the bullion accounts of Isaac H. Smith, Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y., for the quarter July 1 to September 30, 1924.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 19, 1924.

Dr. J. A. Finney,
Ravenna, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant, and package under separate cover, containing dental scrap, have been sent to the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, and the Superintendent of that institution requested to communicate with you in regard to the deposit. There is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government.

Respectfully

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1924.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal,
Chairman Committee on
Coinage Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of December 17, 1924, recommending the appointment of Mrs. Adda Hyatt, Anderson, Indiana, as a member of the 1925 Annual Assay Commission which meets in February.

This Office has taken pleasure in placing the name of Mrs. Hyatt on the list to be considered by the Secretary and the President some time in January.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Civil Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-17610-T, dated November 18, 1924, of the accounts of Frank Styer, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., for the period January 1 to March 31, 1924.

Concerning suspension of voucher #446, A. H. Vestal, M. C., Washington, D. C., $32.60. The records of this office show that the actual amount paid on this voucher was $28.60. The voucher was originally submitted for $32.60, but deduction of $4.00 was made account excess of that amount over legal limit of $5.00 per day for subsistence charged on November 13th and 14th, and voucher approved and paid in the sum of $28.60. It is therefore not understood why suspension of $32.60 was made. Traveler left Washington, D. C. February 13th at 1:00 a.m. arriving in Philadelphia at 4:25 a.m. On return trip left Philadelphia February 14th at 11:02 p.m. arriving in Washington at 2:25 a.m. February 15th. Taxi charge to Mint February 13, 90¢, was necessary in order to reach mint in time for opening session of commission, traveler's explanation being that he was detained at hotel. Taxi charge, February 14th, 90¢, mint to hotel, necessary in order to keep engagement at hotel; as chairman of the assay commission, he had remained at mint until last moment.

Itemized list of subsistence charges.

Feb. 13th	Hotel	$4.00;	Breakf.	60¢;	Lunch	80¢;	Dinner	$1.60
" 14th	"	4.00	"	50¢	"	60¢	"	1.90

Explanations to remove other suspensions noted in the certificate of settlement under consideration will be made at a later date.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1924.

Goldsmith Brothers,
Heyworth Building,
5644 S. Throop St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1924, requesting data from which to prepare the usual preliminary estimate of domestic gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924, to which your reply has not been received.

The information desired is your actual receipts of material containing gold and silver, by sources, for 10 or 11 months of the calendar year with an estimate for the remaining period. The information is treated confidentially and is used only in the preparation of totals, by states.

If the information concerning your receipts has not passed this letter in the mails will you kindly forward same at the earlist practicable date in order that the estimate may be given to the press promptly at the first of the new year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1924.

River Smelting & Refining Co.,
722 Chestnut St.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

May I invite your attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1924, requesting data from which to prepare the usual preliminary estimate of domestic gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924, to which your reply has not been received.

The information desired is your actual receipts of material containing gold and silver, by sources, for 10 or 11 months of the calendar year with an estimate for the remaining period. The information is treated confidentially and is used only in the preparation of totals, by states.

If the information concerning your receipts has not passed this letter in the mails will you kindly forward same at the earliest practicable date in order that the estimate may be given to the press promptly at the first of the new year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1924.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
Arkansas Valley Plant,
Leadville, Colo.

Gentlemen:

I am forwarding herewith original Government bill of lading #334298, dated October 10, 1924, covering shipment of 756 sacks concentrates from the U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo. to your plant. Attention is invited to the several different weights indicated for this shipment. Shipper's weight is stated as 61,956 pounds; ink figures, in longhand, written across body of bill of lading shows net weight at Leadville as 61,700 pounds, while certificate of delivery at bottom, executed by your representative, shows weight as 61,520 pounds. With return of the bill of lading will you kindly explain these differences in weight of the shipment in order that a correct basis may be determined upon which transportation charges should be paid.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1924.

Smith & Miller,
302 Michigan Avenue, East,
Jackson, Mich.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of December 15 please be advised that the United States Mint at Denver accepts old gold when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100 in value. Such deposits are paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The Government does not purchase platinum, and no allowance is made for this material when contained in gold deposits.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1924.

Mr. Charles Hendricks,
504½ N. Mesa,
El Paso, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date please be advised that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. A catalogue descriptive of the coins in the numismatic collection of the Government on display at the National Museum, Washington, D. C., is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for $1.00 a copy.

For information regarding premiums paid by collectors and dealers for old coins I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 155th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1924.

Mr. Henry Chapman,
333 South Sixteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of December 15 addressed to the President has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I regret exceedingly that it will be impracticable for the Department to accede to your request to issue a limited number of fifty cent pieces.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1924.

Mr. J. W. Johnson,
Butler Manufacturing Co.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 18 please be advised that the Act approved March 17, 1924 authorized the issue of commemorative 50-cent pieces in connection with the Stone Mountain memorial at Atlanta, Georgia. No coins have as yet been issued under authority of this Act. When ready the coins will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, to which body application for the coins should be made. They will not be distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1924.

Mr. H. J. Richter,

Amity, Oregon.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 15 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a list of recent issues of memorial coins, indicating the agencies from whom they may be obtained.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1924.

Mr. F. W. Willcox,
c/o Canadian General Electric Company, Ltd.,
Toronto, Canada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 19 please be advised that the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" has not been revised since 1916. I have taken pleasure in causing a copy of this publication to be forwarded to you under separate cover.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1924.

Mr. Allen Brown,

Minaville, N.Y.

Sir:

I am returning the ten-cent piece forwarded with your letter of December 20 and have to advise that the mints do not segregate coins by years. I would suggest that you apply to your local bank for the one cent piece you desire.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1924.

Miss Esther J. Abrams,
Hartshorn College,
Richmond, Va.

Madam:

I am returning your postal money order for $2.50 forwarded by you to cover a $2.50 gold piece. There are none of these coins in the Treasury Department available for distribution, and I would suggest that you make application to the Federal Reserve Bank in your district for the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

Mr. W. C. Blakey,
1125 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 19 please be advised that the initials appearing on the dime are those of the designer of the coin, Adolph Weinman.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

Mr. Wm. H. Conklin, Assistant Director,
United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 20 (C.82-AJH-olb), in regard to dental sweeps, please be advised that while over in Philadelphia last week I took the matter up with the Superintendent of the Mint, and he tells me that some man from the Veterans Bureau brought in a sample of dental sweeps which contained plaster paris, metal of all kinds, mostly base, trash from floors and dirt. This material did not contain one percent of metal; in fact there was a question whether it would pay for smelting or not. The mints are not prepared to handle this material. There is a difference between dental sweeps and dental scrap.

The Mints and Assays Offices are not allowed to accept any material that does not contain at least 200 parts in 1000 of precious metal, gold and silver, and shipments containing less than that amount cannot be handled.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

Mr. John S. Scully, Vice President,
Rees, Scully & Forshay, Inc.,
111 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 18 in regard to the exchange of silver at the New York Assay Office, please be advised that the Assay Office is not allowed to accept foreign coin or coin bar silver. This silver can be exchanged by shipping the coin silver or coin bars to Philadelphia and having delivery made of fine silver in New York, when New York has fine silver to spare.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

Anaconda Copper Mining Company,
25 Bradway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1924, requesting data from which to prepare the usual preliminary estimate of domestic gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924, to which your reply has not been received.

The information desired is your actual receipts of material containing gold and silver, by sources, for 10 or 11 months of the calendar year with an estimate for the remaining period. The information is treated confidentially and is used only in the preparation of totals, by states.

If the information concerning your receipts has not passed this letter in the mails will you kindly forward same at the earliest practicable date in order that the estimate may be given to the press promptly at the first of the new year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

Balbach Smelting & Refining Co.,
580 Market Street,
Newark, N.J.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1924, requesting data from which to prepare the usual preliminary estimate of domestic gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924, to which your reply has not been received.

The information desired is your actual receipts of material containing gold and silver, by sources, for 10 or 11 months of the calendar year with an estimate for the remaining period. The information is treated confidentially and is used only in the preparation of totals, by states.

If the information concerning your receipts has not passed this letter in the mails will you kindly forward same at the earliest practicable date in order that the estimate may be given to the press promptly at the first of the new year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

American Metal Company, Ltd.,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1924, requesting data from which to prepare the usual preliminary estimate of domestic gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924, to which your reply has not been received.

The information desired is your actual receipts of material containing gold and silver, by sources, for 10 or 11 months of the calendar year with an estimate for the remaining period. The information is treated confidentially andis used only in the preparation of totals, bu states.

If the information concerning your receipts has not passed this letter in the mails will you kindly forward same at the earliest practicable date in order that the estimate may be given to the press promptly at the first of the new year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Company,
55 Congress St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1924, requesting data from which to prepare the usual preliminary estimate of domestic gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924, to which your reply has not been received.

The information desired is your actual receipts of material containing gold and silver by sources, for 10 or 11 months of the calendar year with an estimate for the remaining period. The information is treated confidentially and is used only in the preparation of totals, by states.

If the information concerning your receipts has not passed this letter in the mails will you kindly forward same at the earliest practicable date in order that the estimate may be given to the press promptly at the first of the new year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

International Smelting Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1924, requesting data from which to prepare the usual preliminary estimate of domestic gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924, to which your reply has not been received.

The information desired is your actual receipts of material containing gold and silver, by sources, for 10 or 11 months of the calendar year with an estimate for the remaining period. The information is treated confidentially and is used only in the preparation of totals, by states.

If the information concerning your receipts has not passed this letter in the mails will you kindly forward same at the earliest practicable date in order that the estimate may be given to the press promptly at the first of the new year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

International Minerals and Metals Corporation,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1924, requesting data from which to prepare the usual preliminary estimate of domestic gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924, to which your reply has not been received.

The information desired is your actual receipts of material containing gold and silver, by sources, for 10 or 11 months of the calendar year with an estimate for the remaining period. The information is treated confidentially and is used only in the preparation of totals, by states.

If the information concerning your receipts has not passed this letter in the mails will you kindly forward same at the earliest practicable date in order that the estimate may be given to the press promptly at the first of the new year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

Raritan Copper Works,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1924, requesting data from which to prepare the usual preliminary estimate of domestic gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924, to which your reply has not been received.

The information desired is your actual receipts of material containing gold and silver, by sources, for 10 or 11 months of the calendar year with an estimate for the remaining period. The information is treated confidentially and is used only in the preparation of totals, by states.

If the information concerning your receipts has not passed this letter in the mails will you kindly forward same at the earliest practicable date in order that the estimate may be given to the press promptly at the first of the new year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

Nichols Copper Company,
26 Broad Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1924, requesting data from which to prepare the usual preliminary estimate of domestic gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924, to which your reply has not been received.

The information desired is your actual receipts of material containing gold and silver, by sources, for 10 or 11 months of the calendar year with an estimate for the remaining period. The information is treated confidentially and is used only in the preparation of totals, by states.

If the information concerning your receipts has not passed this letter in the mails will you kindly forward same at the earliest practicable date in order that the estimate may be given to the press promptly at the first of the new year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1924.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

May I invite attention to letter of this office dated November 25, 1924, requesting data from which to prepare the usual preliminary estimate of domestic gold and silver production during the calendar year 1924, to which your reply has not been received.

The information desired is your actual receipts of material containing gold and silver, by sources, for 10 or 11 months of the calendar year with an estimate for the remaining period. The information is treated confidentially and is used only in the preparation of totals, by states.

If the information concerning your receipts has not passed this letter in the mails will you kindly forward same at the earliest practicable date in order that the estimate may be given to the press promptly at the first of the new year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

December 24, 1924.

Mr. John S. Scully, Vice President,
Rees, Scully & Forshay, Inc.,
111 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to our recent correspondence relative to the exchange of small silver bars at the Assay Office in New York, I regret that at the time these bars were offered it was impossible for the Assay Office to handle them. As soon as they are able to overtake the present rush of work I hope it will be possible for them to pay out silver bars in exchange for silver deposited by you. Of course it is understood that conditions at the Assay Office at the time the deposits are made will have some influence on our ability to handle the same, but if we have the bars available for exchange we will be glad to serve you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1924.

Mr. John S. Scully, Vice President,
Ross, Scully & Forshay, Inc.,
111 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to our recent correspondence relative to the exchange of small silver bars at the Assay Office in New York, I regret that at the time these bars were offered it was impossible for the Assay Office to handle them. As soon as they are able to overtake the present rush of work I hope it will be possible for them to pay out silver bars in exchange for silver deposited by you. Of course it is understood that conditions at the Assay Office at the time the deposits are made will have some influence on our ability to handle the same, but if we have the bars available for exchange we will be glad to serve you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1924.

Mr. Jerome A. Johnson,
705 Canada Cement Building,
Montreal, Canada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 23 please be advised that the complete set of Presidential medals is on sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., and application for the medals should be made to the Superintendent of that institution. The medals are sold in bronze for $1.00 each, plus postage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1924.

Mr. C. R. Bodkin, Cashier,
Indiana Loan & Trust Co.,
Warsaw, Indiana.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the gold dust forwarded with your letter of December 20, and have to advise that the Government does not purchase gold in this form. The United States Mint at Philadelphia purchases gold in the form of bullion when presented in sufficient quantity to approximate or exceed $100.00 in value, and the same is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, 1000 fine, less charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1924.

Director, Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am sending to you under separate cover assay weights which were checked up at the Denver Mint and sent to the Seattle Assay Office. We would like to have you test these weights and return them to us at your convenience.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1924.

Hon. Harry C. Canfield,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Canfield:

Replying to your letter of December 26 I regret to advise you that there are no copies of the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States" available for distribution in this office. May I suggest that you make application to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, for a copy of this publication.

The numismatic collection covered by the Catalogue has recently been transferred from the Mint at Philadelphia to the National Museum in this city.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1924.

Mr. Aaron Hyman,
2844 W. 33rd St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of December 23 addressed to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

I regret that it will not be possible for this office to furnish you with the illustrations of mint processes you request. The photographing of mint machinery is prohibited, and the Government purposely avoids issuing material descriptive of the manufacture of coins.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1924.

Mr. D. G. Garland,
Box 88,
Milton, North Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 24 please be advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1924.

Mr. A. A. Asbury,

Campbellsburg, K.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 22 please be advised that the Stone Mountain coin when ready will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Mommental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and application for the coins should be addressed to that body.

Foreign coins are not placed in circulation by the Government.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1924.

Mr. E. A. West,
R.F.D.,
Blackstone, Va.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1924.

Miss Marion G. Eaton, Librarian,
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston,
Boston, Mass.

Madam:

Complying with your request of December 23 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover two copies of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1924.

United States Marine Corps,
Washington, D.C.

Attention Mr. Springer.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing copy of letter received from the Superintendent, United States Mint, Philadelphia, relative to the cost of preparing the Philippine Campaign Medal in accordance with sample submitted by your office. The letter is self-explanatory.

The sample medal is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 29, 1924.

Mr. S. C. Wrayberry,
Route No. 1,
Buford, Ga.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 25 I regret to advise you that the Government does not supply materials used in the mining of gold.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1924.

General Accounting Office,
Claims Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated November 20, from Mr. Leroy E. Seter, an employee of the United States Mint at San Francisco, transmitted by you to this Bureau under date of December 12 through the office of the Chief Clerk, Treasury Department, in which Mr. Seter inquires with regard to the payment of increased compensation.

Mr. Seter is a per diem employee who is not furloughed one day each week, and it would therefore appear that the decision of the Comptroller General, newspaper copy of which is attached to his letter, does not apply to him.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 29, 1924.

Miss Annie M. Davies, Reference Librarian,
Holyoke Public Library,
Holyoke, Mass.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 23 I would suggest that you write to the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, for the information you seek regarding the production of gold in California in 1849 and for each of the 10 succeeding years.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1924.

Mr. Jones Moore,
Box 50, Capitol Station,
Albany, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 27 please be advised that the Stone Mountain coins, when ready, will be distributed by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, and application should be made to that body for the coins. They will not be distributed by the Treasury Department.

The dies for this coinage are in course of preparation, but it will be several weeks before the coins can be turned over to the Association named above.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1924.

Bausch & Lomb Optical Company,
Rochester, New York.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 19 in which you ask if the provisions of the National Stamping Act are applicable to spectacles and eye glasses containing gold, silver, and gold filled materials.

This office is in no way concerned with the manufacture of articles of jewelry and is not in position to determine the application of the Act in question. In referring to the Act of June 13, 1906, it is noted that Section 1 thereof refers to any article of merchandise. Section 6 of the same Act reads as follows:

> "That the expression "article of merchandise" as used in this Act shall signify any goods, wares, works of art, commodity, or other thing which may be lawfully kept or offered for sale."

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

December 30, 1924.

International Minerals and Metals Corporation,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Please wire collect your receipts of gold and silver during nineteen twenty four by producing states in ounces See my letter November twenty five and December twenty three

Grant
Director

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

December 30, 1924.

Comptroller,
United States Smelting Refining and Mining Company,
55 Congress Street,
Boston, Mass.

Gold and silver report your Mammoth Plant not yet received Please wire collect approximate percentages of that plants receipts mined in California in Nevada and in each other state concerned

Grant
Director Mint

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

December 30, 1924.

Hon. C. F. Curry,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Curry:

I have your letter of December 30 on behalf of Mr. Charles S. Arms, an employee of the San Francisco Mint.

The salaries assigned to the different employees of the Mint in San Francisco were based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of the institution. I am therefore unable to assure you that any adjustment could be made in the salary of Mr. Arms as fixed by the Superintendent in the absence of further recommendation from that officer. Mr. Arms' basic salary was $1800 and under the reclassification he received $2040.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1924.

Received of Mr. Foster, Secret Service Division:

6	Genuine	$10.00	gold coins
3	"	.50	Columbian coins
1	"	.25	" "
1	"	.25	Canadian "
1	"	.25	Mexican "

1	Silver Bar,	999	fine,	weight	34.05 ounces
1	" "	999	"	"	31.31 "

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1924.

Mr. Guy M. Sanborn,

Seabrook, N.H.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 28 I have taken pleasure in requesting the Superintendent of Documents to forward to you a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint. I regret that there are no available Reports for 1904 and 1910.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1924.

Mr. A. C. Tisdelle,
17 N. La Salle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of December 26 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The coinage of the $1.00 gold piece was discontinued by act of Congress, and an act of Congress would be necessary to authorize the resumption of coinage of that denomination.

The $2.50 gold piece is a current coin and while they have not been coined in recent years, for the reason that there is no appreciable demand for them except at Christmas time, they are still available, though in small quantities.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 30, 1924.

Mr. K. Heshin,
Hotel Metropole,
Michigan Boulevard at 23rd St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of December 21 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The coinage of the $1.00 gold piece was discontinued by act of Congress, and an act of Congress would be necessary to authorize the resumption of coinage of that denomination.

The $2.50 gold piece is a current coin and while they have not been coined in recent years, for the reason that there is no appreciable demand for them except at Christmas time, they are still available, though in small quantities.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1924.

Mrs. Clara P. Cargo,
348 Wayne Street,
Beaver, Pa.

Madam:

Your letter of December 21 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The $2.50 gold piece is a current coin and while they have not been coined in recent years, for the reason that there is no appreciable demand for them except at Christmas time, they are still available, though in limited quantities.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 30, 1924.

Mr. L. Wilkinson,
The News Leader,
Richmond, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 23 please be advised that this Bureau has no compilation of the premium on gold in the year 1867, or for the fluctuation in the value of gold between 1865 and 1870.

It is suggested that a letter addressed to the New York Stock Exchange, Gold Department, may elicit this information.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1924.

Mr. Fred M. Harris,
319 W. Washington Avenue,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 27 please be advised that the dies for the Stone Mountain coins are in the course of preparation, and it will be several weeks before the coins are turned over to the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, Atlanta, Georgia, for distribution. Application should be made to that body for the coins as they will not be distributed by the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 30, 1924.

Mr. C. M. McLaughlin,
Box 438,
Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 24 please be advised that the design adopted for the standard silver dollar in 1921, referred to as the "Peace" dollar, is the current design for that denomination. An act of Congress would be required to change the design before the expiration of twenty five years after its adoption.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 30, 1924.

Mr. Francisco Butler Morely Bolton,
403 West 19th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of December 29 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for attention.

The Department has not under contemplation at this time the coining of a new piece in place of the current standard silver dollar. This Bureau appreciates your interest in the matter and thanks you for your suggestion.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1924.

Mr. H. H. B. Meyer, Director,
Legislative Reference Service,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Complying with your request of December 27 I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover six copies of the pamphlet entitled "Information relating to United States Coins and Medals".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 31, 1924.

Mr. Fred Weidel,

Bigfoot, Texas.

Sir:

I am returning under separate cover the material forwarded by you for assay and have to advise that there is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. The United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S.D., assays ore at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver and $1.00 each for other metals determined in the sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Entry 235 Vol 462

December 31, 1924.

The Editor,
South African Mining Journal,
Johannesburg, S.A.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 21 enclosing an article appearing in the South African Mining Journal relative to an International Gold Mining Congress and Exhibition to be held in Johannesburg.

I have read the article with much interest but do not feel in position to comment upon the same.

Thank you for your courtesy in sending this document.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.